

GENERAL PURPOSES BOARD - 9 APRIL 2008

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Wednesday 9 April 2008 at 3 pm

Present: Councillors Ahlfeld, Blair (for Rebecchi), Brooks, Dorrian, Fyfe, Grieve, MacLeod, McCallum, McIlwee, McKenzie and Moran.

Chair: Councillor Ahlfeld presided.

In attendance: Mr H McNeilly (for Head of Legal & Administration).

Apologies: Councillor Rebecchi.

The following paragraphs are submitted for information only, having been dealt with under the powers delegated to the Board.

It was agreed in terms of Section 50(A)(4) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 as amended that the public and press be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following items on the grounds that the business involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 6 of Part I of Schedule 7(A) of the Act.

265 Application for Late Hours Catering Licence - Levenvale Restaurants Ltd 265
McDonald's Restaurant, 5 East Hamilton Street, James Watt Dock, Greenock

There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal and Administration on an application for a late hours catering licence by Levenvale Restaurants Ltd to allow the operation of a take away facility at McDonald's Restaurant, 5 East Hamilton Street, James Watt Dock, Greenock between the hours of 11 pm and 5 am the following morning from Mondays to Sundays following objections from the Head of Safer Communities and The Waterfront Owners Association. There was also submitted an observation from the Chief Constable which indicated the hours applied for were outwith the Council's policy hours for late hours catering licences. The Board heard Mr S McKenzie of Safer Communities and Messrs McGowan and Keaney on behalf of the Waterfront Owners Association in support of their objections and Constable Gailey in support of the Chief Constable's observation. The Board heard Mr Tomlin in support of the application.

Decided: that the application be granted for Mondays to Sundays 11 pm to 12 midnight and refused for Mondays to Sundays 12 midnight to 5 am the following morning on the grounds of (i) the location, character or condition of the premises, (ii) the nature and extent of the proposed activity and (iii) the possibility of undue public nuisance.

266 Application for Renewal of Taxi Licence: Robert McGeachy 266

There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal and Administration on an application for renewal of taxi licence by Mr Robert McGeachy following an objection by Mr James Cannon. The Board heard Mr Cannon in support of his objection and Mr Sheridan of Anderson Fyfe on behalf of Mr McGeachy.

Councillor Blair entered the meeting during consideration of this item.

Decided: that the application be granted.

Councillors Dorrian and Moran entered the meeting at the conclusion of this item.

267 Request for Suspension of Taxi Driver's Licence: Alexander Nelson 267

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There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal and Administration on a request for suspension of Mr Nelson's taxi driver's licence following a representation by Mr R Bennett of Improvement and Performance Services on the grounds that the carrying on of the licensed activity would be likely to cause a threat to public safety. The Board heard Mr Nelson.

Decided: that the licence be suspended with immediate effect for the remainder of its term and that delegated powers be granted to Mr McNeilly to reinstate the licence on receipt of a satisfactory report from the Council's Medical Adviser.

268 Request for Suspension of Taxi Driver's Licence: Kenneth Collins**268**

There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal and Administration on a request for suspension of Mr Collins' taxi driver's licence on receipt of an adverse medical report from the Council's Medical Adviser. The Board heard Mr Collins.

Decided: that the licence be suspended with immediate effect for the remainder of its term and that it be remitted to Mr McNeilly to obtain further medical reports.