

GENERAL PURPOSES BOARD - 11 NOVEMBER 2009

General Purposes BoardWednesday 11 November 2009 at 3 pm

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

Chair: Councillor Ahlfeld presided.

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

Apologies: Councillors Grieve, Moran and Rebecchi.

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

The Convener being of the opinion that the undernoted report was relevant, competent and urgent moved its consideration in terms of the relevant Standing Order to allow the Board to make a decision on the matter at the earliest opportunity. This was unanimously agreed.

720 Licensing of Knife Dealers**720**

There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal and Administration requesting that the Board fix the application fee for a Knife Dealer's Licence at £269 to include the cost of the required public advertisement of the application.

Decided: that the application fee for a Knife Dealer's Licence be set at £269.

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.

721 Request for Suspension of Second Hand Dealer's Licence: Andrew Galbraith**721**

There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal & Administration on the possible suspension of Mr Galbraith's second hand dealer's licence on the ground that he was no longer a fit and proper person to hold such a licence by virtue of the conduct described in the report.

At its meetings on 12 August and 14 October 2009 the Board had decided to continue consideration of the possible suspension of the licence to allow Mr Galbraith to be in attendance.

The Board heard Constable Gailey and Mr Hendry of Blair and Bryden. Councillor Ahlfeld moved that the licence be suspended with immediate effect for 1 year. As an amendment Councillor Brooks moved that the licence be not suspended. On a vote 2 Members voted for the amendment and 7 for the motion which was declared carried.

Decided: that the licence be suspended with immediate effect for 1 year.

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722 Application for Taxi Driver's Licence: Steven John Scott**722**

There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal & Administration on an application for a taxi driver's licence by Mr Steven John Scott following receipt of an objection by the Chief Constable.

At its meetings on 9 September and 14 October 2009 the Board had decided to continue consideration of the application to allow Mr Scott to be in attendance and to be represented.

The Board heard Constable Gailey and Mr Sweeney of G Keenan and Co. Councillor McKenzie moved that the application be granted. As an amendment Councillor Blair moved that the application be refused. On a vote 3 Members voted for the amendment and 5 for the motion which was declared carried.

Decided: that the application be granted.

723 Application for Market Operators Licence: Renfrewshire Farmers' Markets Ltd**723**

There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal and Administration on an application for a market operator's licence by Renfrewshire Farmers' Markets Ltd following receipt of an objection by Mr Sean Middleton and Mr John Dobbie.

The Board heard Mr Dobbie and Mr Hendry of Blair & Bryden.

The Board adjourned at 4.45 pm and reconvened at 4.55 pm.

Decided:

- (1) that the application be granted for 1 year without the special condition that Mr Dobbie and Mr Middleton be permitted onto the market as traders; and
- (2) that should an application for renewal be made the outcome of the arbitration should be made available to the Board at that time.