

## GENERAL PURPOSES BOARD - 9 JUNE 2010

General Purposes BoardWednesday 9 June 2010 at 3 pm

**Present :** Councillors Ahlfeld, Blair (for Rebecchi), Dorrian, Fyfe, McCallum, McIlwee, Moran, Nelson (for Brooks) and Wilson (for McKenzie).

**Chair :** Councillor Ahlfeld presided.

**In attendance:** Mr H McNeilly (for Head of Legal & Democratic Services).

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

**369 Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest 369**

Apologies for absence were intimated to the Board on behalf of Councillors Brooks, Grieve, MacLeod, McKenzie and Rebecchi with Councillor Blair substituting for Councillor Rebecchi, Councillor Nelson for Councillor Brooks and Councillor Wilson for Councillor McKenzie.

There were no declarations of interest intimated to the Board prior to the commencement of the meeting.

**370 Application for Taxi Licence: Patrick Rush 370**

There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal & Democratic Services advising that Mr Rush had omitted to make timeous application for his licence to be renewed before it expired but it had been dealt with using the procedure for the exercise of powers delegated to the Chief Executive for use between Committees and it had been agreed to authorise the grant of a taxi licence to Mr Rush.

**Noted**

**371 Taxi Licence: James Cannon 371**

Councillor Ahlfeld declared a non-financial interest by virtue of personal acquaintance with the applicant, vacated the Chair and left the meeting. Councillor Dorrian took the Chair.

There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal & Democratic Services requesting that the Board considers whether or not to approve Mr Brian Stevenson as a partner for Mr James Cannon as the holder of taxi licence No P232.

Having heard Mr Lamb of Maitlands on behalf of Mr Cannon the Board retired to consider the matter.

**Decided:** that Mr Brian Stevenson be approved as a partner for Mr James Cannon in relation to taxi licence No P232 in view of the exceptional circumstances.

Councillor Ahlfeld returned to the meeting and resumed the Chair at the conclusion of this item.

**372 Review of Grant of Taxi Licence: Arthur Cox 372**

There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal & Democratic Services in relation to an application for a taxi licence made on 23 December 2009 by Mr Arthur Cox. At its

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meeting on 9 December 2009 the Board had decided to grant Mr Cox's application for a taxi licence for a period of 6 months with a request that he considers operating a wheelchair accessible vehicle on the licence. The vehicle currently licensed is a Rover 420 which is not a wheelchair accessible vehicle.

Having heard Mr Cox the Board retired to consider the matter.

**Deci ded:** that Mr Cox's taxi licence be granted for 1 year.

**373 Possible Suspension of Taxi Driver's Licence: William Barclay 373**

There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal & Democratic Services on the possible suspension of Mr William Barclay's taxi driver's licence.

Having heard Mr Barclay and Mr John Cushnaghan for the Head of Safer & Inclusive Communities the Board retired to consider the matter.

**Deci ded:** that the licence be suspended for the remainder of its term with immediate effect.

**374 Application for Licence for House in Multiple Occupation: Carol Bateman, Basement Flat, 41 Campbell Street, Greenock 374**

There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal & Democratic Services on an application for a licence for a House in Multiple Occupation by Ms Carol Bateman for Basement Flat, 41 Campbell Street, Greenock.

At its meeting on 12 May 2010 the Board had decided to continue consideration of the application to allow a visit to the property to be made for fact finding purposes.

(Councillor Wilson left the meeting during consideration of this item).

**Deci ded:** that the application be approved in principle for further consideration by the Council as Licensing Authority.

**375 Application for Licence for House in Multiple Occupation: John Yarr, Main Door Flat, 15 Ardgowan Square, Greenock 375**

There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal & Democratic Services on an application for a licence for a House in Multiple Occupation by Mr John Yarr for Main Door Flat, 15 Ardgowan Square, Greenock.

At its meeting on 12 May 2010 the Board had decided to continue consideration of the application to allow Mr Yarr to be in attendance.

**Deci ded:** that the application be approved in principle for consideration by the Council as Licensing Authority.

**376 Application for Street Trader's Licence: Angela Withers, Upper Lynedoch Street, Greenock 376**

There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal & Democratic Services on an application for Street Trader's Licence by Angela Withers to operate a snack van located at Upper Lynedoch Street, Greenock on receipt of an objection from M & J Timber Ltd and a comment by the Head of Environmental & Commercial Services.

Having heard Mr George Houston on behalf of Ms Withers the Board retired to consider the matter.

**Deci ded:**

(1) that the application be granted Mondays to Fridays from 8 am to 2.30 pm for 1 year subject to the condition that the van be located within the parking bay at Upper

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Lynedoch Street, Greenock and be removed from the location outwith these hours; and.  
(2) that the applicant encourage customers to park in the parking bays and not in the street.