

GENERAL PURPOSES BOARD - 12 JUNE 2013

Mr Sweeney was present.

Mr Jarvie advised the Board that this item had been continued from the meeting held on 10 April 2013 awaiting the outcome of a pending case.

The Board heard Inspector Wood in support of the Police representation and decision of pending case. The Board heard Mr Sweeney in support of his application.

Decided: the application be granted.

428 Consideration of Taxi Driver's Licence: Alan Robertson

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There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal & Democratic Services requesting the Board to consider the Taxi Driver's Licence granted to Mr Robertson following the suspension of his licence on 13 March 2013.

Mr Jarvie advised the Board that this item had been continued from the meeting on 8 May 2013 for further information to be provided. Mr Jarvie intimated that Mr Robertson had contacted him by telephone explaining that he has been unable to provide the additional information and requested consideration of his licence be continued to September to allow him to concentrate on improving his health and provide the documentation required.

Decided: to continue consideration of the licence to the September meeting as requested.

429 Application for Taxi Driver's Licence: Joseph Cunningham

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There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal & Democratic Services on the renewal of Taxi Driver's Licence by Mr Cunningham following a Police objection and medical examination.

Mr Cunningham was present.

Mr Jarvie advised the Board that this item had been continued from the meeting on 8 May 2013 for further information to be provided. Mr Jarvie provided Members with the updated medical report which had been received from Dr Blyth.

The Board heard Inspector Wood in support of the Police objection and Mr Cunningham in support of his application.

Decided:-

- (a) the suspension be revoked; and
- (b) the renewal application be granted.

430 Application for Taxi Driver's Licence: William Burns

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There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal & Democratic Services on the renewal of a Taxi Driver's Licence by Mr Burns following a Police representation.

Mr Burns was not present or represented.

Mr Jarvie advised the Board on the background of the application.

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The Board heard Inspector Wood in support of the Police representation.

Decided: the application be refused.

431 Application for Taxi Driver's Licence: William McPherson

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There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal & Democratic Services on an application for the grant of a Taxi Driver's Licence by Mr McPherson following a Police objection.

Mr McPherson was not present or represented.

Mr Jarvie advised the Board on the background of the application.

The Board heard Inspector Wood in support of the Police objection.

Decided: the application be refused.

432 Application for Taxi Driver's Licence: Robert Wilson

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There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal & Democratic Services on the renewal of a Taxi Driver's Licence by Mr Wilson following a Police representation.

Mr Wilson was present.

The Board heard Inspector Wood in support of the Police representation and Mr Wilson in support of his application.

Decided: the application be granted.

Councillor Ahfeld declared a non-financial interest in the following item as he is known to the applicant which precluded his continued presence in the Chamber and his participation in the decision making process. He then left the meeting.

433 Consideration of Licence: Craig Ritchie

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There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal & Democratic Services requesting the Board to consider the Taxi Driver's Licence granted to Mr Ritchie following a representation by the Environmental Enforcement and Licensing Standards Officer.

Mr Ritchie was present. John Cushnaghan and Donna Murphy, Environmental Enforcement Department, were also in attendance.

Mr Jarvie advised the Board on the background of the request and the availability of CCTV recording of the incident which Members may view if wished.

The Board heard Mr Cushnaghan in support of the Environmental Enforcement Department representation and Mr Ritchie in support of his licence.

Members then viewed the recording provided and there followed a discussion of the incident.

Decided:

- (a) not to suspend the current licence which expires on 31 August 2013; and
- (b) the renewal application will not be granted under delegated powers in the absence of objections or representations, in the normal course of processing but instead be

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placed on the agenda of the next appropriate Meeting for consideration by the Board.

The Chair advised Mr Ritchie that the Board supported the Enforcement Officers in the job they have to do and that serious consideration was given to suspending his licence, however noted Mr Ritchie's remorse and apology for his actions. Councillor Ahlfeld returned to the meeting following this item.

434 Application for Taxi Driver's Licence: Andrew Grant 434

There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal & Democratic Services on the grant of a Taxi Driver's Licence by Mr Grant following a Police representation.

Mr Grant was not present or represented.

Mr Jarvie advised the Board on the background of the application.

The Board heard Inspector Wood in support of the Police representation.

Decided: the application be refused.

435 Application for Taxi Driver's Licence: Daniel Byrne 435

There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal & Democratic Services on the grant of a Taxi Driver's Licence by Mr Byrne following a Police representation.

Mr Byrne was not present or represented.

Mr Jarvie advised the Board on the background of the application.

The Board heard Inspector Wood in support of the Police representation.

Decided: the application be refused.

436 Request for Suspension of Taxi Driver's Licence: Leigh Woodroffe 436

There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal & Democratic Services requesting consideration of the suspension of Mr Woodroffe's Taxi Driver's Licence following a request by Police Scotland and a public letter of complaint.

Mr Woodroffe was not present or represented.

Mr Jarvie advised the Board on the background of the request and that no written submissions had been lodged by Mr Woodroffe.

The Board heard Inspector Wood in support of the Police request for suspension.

Decided: to suspend the licence for the unexpired portion to 28 February 2014.

437 Application for Late Hours Catering Licence: Mr Hamid Gharer, Three in One, 17 Kempock Street, Gourrock 437

There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal & Democratic Services on the renewal of a Late Hours Catering Licence by Mr Gharer for premises at Three in One, 17 Kempock Street, Gourrock.

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Mr Gharer has applied to increase the opening hours as follows:-

- (a) Thursday 11 pm to 1.15 am;
- (b) Fridays and Saturdays 11 pm to 1.30 am
- (c) Sundays to Wednesdays 11 pm to 12.15 am

With additional hours over the festive period from 20 December to 5 January:-

- (a) Thursdays 11 pm to 2.15 am;
- (b) Fridays and Saturdays 11 pm to 2.30 am;
- (c) Sundays to Wednesdays 11 pm to 1.30 am

Mr Gharer was present.

Mr Jarvie advised the Board on the background of the application.

The Board heard Mr Gharer in support of his application.

Decided:

- (a) refuse additional hours requested;
- (b) grant renewal application as currently held.

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Application for Taxi Driver's Licence: Andrew Galbraith

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There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal & Democratic Services on the grant of a Taxi Driver's Licence by Mr Galbraith following a Police objection.

Mr Galbraith was present.

The Board heard Inspector Wood in support of the Police objection and Mr Galbraith in support of his application.

After discussion, Councillor Brooks moved grant of the application and following a vote 9 Members voted for the motion which was declared carried.

Decided: the application be granted.