

Minute of Meeting Regulatory Functions Board

Date	Time	Venue
Thursday, 03 September 2020	10:00	Remotely by MS Teams ,

Present

Councillor Eddie Devine, Councillor Audrey Doig, Councillor Lisa-Marie Hughes, Councillor Alistair Mackay, Councillor John McNaughtan, Councillor Kevin Montgomery, Councillor Emma Rodden, Councillor Andy Steel, Councillor Jane Strang

Chair

Councillor McNaughtan, Convener, presided.

In Attendance

M Conaghan, Legal & Democratic Services Manager (for items 1 and 4 only), D Campbell, Assistant Managing Solicitor (Licensing), A McLaughlin, Senior Solicitor (Litigation and Regulatory Services), E Currie, Senior Committee Services Officer, R Devine, Senior Committee Services Officer, A Easdon, Licensing Officer/Paralegal, N Barr, Administrative Assistant and G McIntosh, Civic Government Enforcement Officer (for item 1 only) (all Finance & Resources).

Recording of Meeting

Prior to the commencement of the meeting the Convener intimated that this meeting of the Board would be recorded and that the recording would be available to watch on the Council's website.

Apology

Councillor McEwan.

Declarations of Interest

Councillor Devine declared a non-financial interest in item 4 of the agenda as one of the directors in the company was known to him and indicated his intention to leave the meeting during consideration of this item and not to take part in any discussion or voting thereon.

1 Variation of Booking Office Licence - Personal Appearance

There was submitted the undernoted application for variation of a Booking Office Licence. The applicant had been asked to appear personally for the first time:-

Applicant: Paisley Cab Co. Ltd.

Booking Office: 33A New Sneddon Street, Paisley

Variation: increase public permitted from 3 to 10; increase private hire vehicles from 530 to 800; and include 33B New Sneddon Street, Paisley in premises licensed

Licence No.: BO-003

Ms McCulloch, on behalf of the applicant, joined the meeting by video call. After consideration of all matters before the Board, the Board adjourned to allow members to consider this application. The meeting was reconvened and the Convener proposed that the application for variation be granted in so far as the number of members of the public permitted within the booking office be increased from 3 to 10; that the number of private hire vehicles be increased from 530 to 700; and that the licence now include the premises at 33B New Sneddon Street, Paisley. This was agreed unanimously.

DECIDED: That the application for variation be granted in so far as the number of members of the public permitted within the booking office be increased from 3 to 10; that the number of private hire vehicles be increased from 530 to 700; and that the licence now include the premises at 33B New Sneddon Street, Paisley.

EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

The Board resolved that the press and public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following items of business as it was likely, in view of the nature of the business to be transacted that if members of the press and public were present there would be disclosure to them of exempt information as defined in paragraph 3 of part I of schedule 7A of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973.

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Councillor Montgomery left the meeting during consideration of the following item of business.

2 Grant of House in Multiple Occupation Licence - Personal Appearance

There was submitted the undernoted application for grant of a House in Multiple Occupation Licence. The applicant had been asked to appear personally for the first time together with the Director of Communities, Housing & Planning Services, Renfrewshire Council, who had submitted a report in relation to the application:-

Applicant: Key Housing Association

Premises: 41 Craigielea Road, Renfrew

Mr Burr and Mr Rolfe, on behalf of the applicant, joined the meeting by video call together with Ms McEwen, on behalf of the Director of Communities, Housing & Planning Services. After consideration of all matters before the Board, the Board adjourned to allow members to consider this application. The meeting was reconvened and the Convener proposed that the application be granted for a period of three years subject to the usual conditions including the additional condition that the outstanding works be completed to the satisfaction of the Director of Communities, Housing & Planning Services within a period of four weeks. This was agreed unanimously.

DECIDED: That the application be granted for a period of three years subject to the usual conditions including the additional condition that the outstanding works be completed to the satisfaction of the Director of Communities, Housing & Planning Services within a period of four weeks.

3 Grant of Private Hire Car Driver's Licence - Personal Appearance

There was submitted the undernoted application for grant of a Private Hire Car Driver's Licence. The applicant had been asked to appear personally for the first time together with Police Scotland who had submitted an objection to the application:-

Ian MacDonald

Mr MacDonald, the applicant, joined the meeting by video call together with Inspector Glass, on behalf of the Chief Constable who had submitted an objection to the application, who joined the meeting by telephone call. After consideration of all matters before the Board, the Board adjourned to allow members to consider this application. The meeting was reconvened and the Convener proposed that the application be refused. This was agreed unanimously.

DECIDED: That the application be refused.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 11.50 am and reconvened at 12 noon.

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Councillor Strang was not in attendance when the meeting reconvened.

Declaration of Interest

Councillor Devine having declared a non-financial interest in the following item of business was not present when the meeting was reconvened.

4 Grant of Public Entertainment Licence - Personal Appearance

There was submitted the undernoted application for grant of a Public Entertainment Licence. The applicant had been asked to appear personally for the first time together with J McKay and Craig MacFadyen; Nancy Winchester; Thomas Toye; and Letitia Stewart who have submitted objections to the application:-

Applicant: Amigo Leisure Ltd.

Premises: 5 Wellmeadow Street, Paisley

Authorised Activity: live music, comedy nights, charity fundraising events, private functions, dance classes and community events

Operating hours: Wednesday and Thursday – 7.00 pm to 11.00 pm; Friday – 7.00 pm to 1.00 am; Saturday – 11.00 am to 1.00 am; and Sunday – 12 noon to 11.00 pm

Licence No.: PE-300

Mr Williamson, on behalf of the applicant, joined the meeting by video call. There was no appearance by J McKay, Mr MacFadyen, Ms Winchester, Mr Toye or Ms Stewart, the objectors to the application. The Convener proposed that the application be considered in the absence of the objectors and this was agreed unanimously.

After consideration of all matters before the Board, the Board adjourned to allow members to consider this application. The meeting was reconvened and the Convener proposed that the application be granted for a period of one year subject to the usual conditions including the additional condition that details of public liability insurance be submitted to the Council's licensing section within a period of two weeks and the additional condition requested by the Council's Director of Communities, Housing & Planning Services regarding noise which had been accepted by the applicant. This was agreed unanimously.

DECIDED: That the application be granted for a period of one year subject to the usual conditions including the additional condition that details of public liability insurance be submitted to the Council's licensing section within a period of two weeks and the additional condition requested by the Council's Director of Communities, Housing & Planning Services regarding noise, which had been accepted by the applicant.