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Minute of Meeting Regulatory Functions Board

Date	Time	Venue
Thursday, 04 February 2016		Council Chambers (Renfrewshire), Council Headquarters, Renfrewshire House, Cotton Street, Paisley, PA1 1AN

PRESENT

Councillors M Brown, E Devine, M Devine, Provost Hall, Councillors Hood, McEwan, and McQuade.

CHAIR

Councillor Hood, Convener, presided.

IN ATTENDANCE

D Campbell, Assistant Managing Solicitor (Licensing); E Currie, Senior Committee Services Officer and K Whiteside, Licensing Officer (Paralegal) (all Finance & Resources).

APOLOGIES

Councillors B Brown and Mullin, and McEwan (for lateness).

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor E Devine declared a non-financial interest in relation to item 4 of the agenda as he had knowledge of the background to the application and indicated his intention to leave the meeting during consideration of the item and not to take part in any discussion or voting thereon.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

In terms of Standing Order 16, the Convener intimated that he proposed to alter the order of business to facilitate the conduct of the meeting by considering item 6 of the agenda before item 1 of the agenda and item 4 of the agenda after item 1 of the agenda.

EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

The Board resolved that the press and public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of items 2, 4 and 5 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.

1 GRANT OF SECOND HAND DEALER'S LICENCE - PERSONAL APPEARANCE

There was submitted the undernoted application for the grant of a Second Hand Dealer's Licence. The applicant had been asked to appear personally for the first time together with Brian Kelso, who had submitted an objection to the application and John Roxburgh, Robert Gibson, Lilian Johnstone, Kenneth Simpson, K A McLennan, Joan and Robert Benson, Harold Allan, Gary and Lynne Fraser, Sarah Milnes, Kenny Sorley and Ronald and Elizabeth Taylor who had submitted objections received outwith the statutory timescale to the application:-

Applicant: Scott Elliott, T/A Scott Elliott Motor Company

Premises: 34 Carrick Road, Bishopton Authorised goods: used motor vehicles

Operating hours: Monday to Friday - 10.00 am to 5.00 pm and

Saturday and Sunday - 10.00 am to 4.00 pm

There was no appearance by or on behalf of Mr Elliott. Brian Kelso, the objector to the application and John Roxburgh, Robert Gibson, Lilian Johnstone, K A McLennan, Harold Allan, Gary and Lynne Fraser, Kenny Sorley and Ronald Taylor, all late objectors to the application, were invited into the meeting. There was no appearance by Joan and Robert Benson, late objectors to the application, and it was noted that K A McLennan was their representative. There was also no appearance by Elizabeth Taylor and Sarah Milnes, late objectors to the application and it was noted that Ronald Taylor was their representative.

The Assistant Managing Solicitor (Licensing) advised that Mr Elliott had intimated that he would be unable to attend the meeting and had requested that consideration of his application be continued to a future meeting.

After consideration of matters before the Board, the Board adjourned to allow members to consider this request. The meeting reconvened and the Convener proposed that consideration of the application be continued and that the applicant, objector and late objectors be invited to a future meeting of the Board likely to be held on 9 March 2016. This was agreed unanimously.

<u>DECIDED</u>: That consideration of the application be continued and that the applicant, objector and late objectors be invited to a future meeting of the Board likely to be held on 9 March 2016.

2 GRANT OF PRIVATE HIRE CAR DRIVER'S LICENCE - PERSONAL APPEARANCE

There was submitted the undernoted application for the 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:-

Saad Yousaf, 37 Tinto Road, Glasgow

Mr Yousaf, the applicant, was invited into the meeting together with Inspector Harley and Sergeant Curran, on behalf of the Chief Constable who had submitted an objection to the application. 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.

SEDERUNT

Councillor McEwan entered the meeting prior to consideration of the following item of business.

DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Councillor E Devine having declared an interest in the following item of business left the meeting and did not take part in any discussion or voting thereon.

3 GRANT OF SKIN PIERCING AND TATTOOING LICENCE - PERSONAL APPEARANCE

There was submitted the undernoted application for the grant of a Skin Piercing and Tattooing Licence. The applicant had been asked to appear personally for the first time together with the Director of Community Resources who had submitted a representation to the application and Linwood Community Council who had submitted an objection received outwith the statutory timescale to the application:-

Applicant: Sanda Ionut-Silviu

Trading from: Renfrewshire area (mobile)

Authorised activity: Tattooing

Operating hours: 7 days per week – 10.00 am to 7.00 pm

There was no appearance by or on behalf of Mr Ionut-Silviu. The Assistant Managing Solicitor (Licensing) advised that Mr Ionut-Silviu had intimated that he was unable to attend the meeting and had requested that consideration of his application be continued to a future meeting of the Board. He further advised that the Director of Community Resources had submitted an objection to the application and not a representation as stated in the citation letters and agenda.

Mr Marshall and Mr Wands, on behalf of the Director of Community Resources, the objector to the application, were invited into the meeting. There was no appearance by or on behalf of Linwood Community Council, the late objector to the application.

The Convener proposed that consideration of the application be continued and that the applicant, objector and late objector be invited to a future meeting of the Board. This was agreed unanimously.

<u>**DECIDED**</u>: That consideration of the application be continued and that the applicant, objector and late objector be invited to a future meeting of the Board.

SEDERUNT

Councillor E Devine re-entered the meeting prior to consideration of the following item of business.

4 RENEWAL OF PRIVATE HIRE CAR DRIVER'S LICENCE - PERSONAL APPEARANCE

There was submitted the undernoted application for renewal of a Private Hire Car Driver's Licence. The applicant had been asked to appear personally for the first time:-

Alexander Hampson, 35 Glenshiel Avenue, Dykebar, Paisley

Mr Hampson, the applicant, and Ms McCulloch, were invited into the meeting. After consideration of all matters before the Board the Convener proposed that the application be granted for a period of two years. This was agreed unanimously.

<u>DECIDED</u>: That the application be granted for a period of two years.

5 REQUEST FOR EXEMPTION FROM ASSISTING WHEELCHAIR PASSENGERS - PERSONAL APPEARANCE

There was submitted the undernoted request for exemption from assisting wheelchair passengers. The applicant had been asked to appear personally for the first time:-

Iain Urquhart, Partridge Corner, West Glen Road, Langbank

Mr Urquhart, the applicant, was invited into the meeting. After consideration of all matters before the Board the Convener proposed that Mr Urquhart's request for exemption from assisting wheelchair passengers be granted for the duration of his current Taxi Driver's Licence. This was agreed unanimously.

<u>DECIDED</u>: That Mr Urquhart's request for exemption from assisting wheelchair passengers be granted for the duration of his current Taxi Driver's Licence.

6 SURRENDER AND RE-ISSUE OF TAXI LICENCES - PERSONAL APPEARANCES

There were submitted the undernoted applications for the surrender and re-issue of Taxi Licences. The applicants had been asked to appear personally for the first time:-

(a) Present Operator: Janet Barclay, 14 Camps Crescent, Renfrew Proposed Operator: Partnership of J & T Taxis, 14 Camps Crescent, Renfrew Licence No.: TX150

(b) Present Operator: Janet Barclay, 14 Camps Crescent, Renfrew Proposed Operator: Partnership of J & T Taxis, 14 Camps Crescent, Renfrew Licence No.: TX199

(c) Present Operator: Janet Barclay, 14 Camps Crescent, Renfrew Proposed Operator: Partnership of J & T Taxis, 14 Camps Crescent, Renfrew Licence No.: TX096

(d) Present Operator: Janet Barclay, 14 Camps Crescent, Renfrew Proposed Operator: Partnership of J & T Taxis, 14 Camps Crescent, Renfrew Licence No.: TX078

There was no appearance by or on behalf of the applicants. The Assistant Managing Solicitor (Licensing) advised that Ms Barclay had intimated that Mr Healy was unable to attend the meeting. The Convener proposed that the applications be considered together and in the applicants' absence and this was agreed unanimously. After consideration of all matters before the Board, the Convener proposed that the applications be granted. This was agreed unanimously.

<u>DECIDED</u>: That the applications be granted.