

Minute of Meeting Regulatory Functions Board

Date	Time	Venue
Thursday, 05 October 2017	10:00	Council Chambers (Renfrewshire), Council Headquarters, Renfrewshire House, Cotton Street, Paisley, PA1 1AN

Present: Councillor Eddie Devine, Councillor Lisa-Marie Hughes, Councillor Alistair Mackay, Councillor John McNaughtan, Councillor Kevin Montgomery, Councillor Andy Steel, Councillor Jane Strang

Apologies

Provost Lorraine Cameron, Councillor Cathy McEwan and Councillor Emma Rodden.

In Attendance

D Campbell, Assistant Managing Solicitor (Licensing), E Clements, Senior Solicitor, E Currie, Senior Committee Services Officer, K Whiteside, Licensing Officer (Paralegal) and G McIntosh, Civic Government Enforcement Officer (for items 1 to 4 only) (all Finance & Resources).

Declarations of Interest

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

1 Public Procession - Personal Appearance

There was submitted the undernoted notice of intention to hold a Public Procession. The applicant had been asked to appear personally for the first time together with Police Scotland who had submitted a report on the notice of intention and the Head of Marketing and Events, Renfrewshire Council who had submitted an objection to the notice of intention:-

Applicant: Daniel Lang, 14A George Street, Paisley

Organisation: Loyal Orange Institution of Scotland Paisley District No. 6

Public procession route: assemble in Argyle Street, Castle Street, Broomlands Street, Wellmeadow Street, High Street, St Mirren Street, Causeyside Street, George Street (against one way system), Castle Street and disband in Castle Street

Date, time and reason for public procession: 28 October 2017 at 3.45 pm to commemorate 500th anniversary of reformation

The Assistant Managing Solicitor (Licensing) advised that the notice of intention had been withdrawn.

DECIDED: That it be noted that the notice of intention had been withdrawn.

2 Variation of Taxi Operator's Licence - Personal Appearance

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

Applicant: Paul McCarthy, Flat 0/2, 27 Kilnside Road, Paisley

Licence No.: TX216

Variation: to carry eight passengers

The Assistant Managing Solicitor (Licensing) advised that Mr McCarthy had intimated that he would be unable to attend the meeting and that he had submitted a written representation for the Board to consider. The Convener proposed that the application be considered in the applicant's absence. This was agreed unanimously.

After consideration of all matters before the Board, the Convener proposed that the application be granted. This was agreed unanimously.

DECIDED: That the application be granted.

3 Surrender and Re-issue of Taxi Operators' Licences - Personal Appearances

There were submitted the undernoted applications for the surrender and re-issue of Taxi Operators' Licences. Applicants (a) had been asked to appear personally for the first time:-

(a) Present Operator: Skyedale Limited, 16 Redhurst Crescent, Paisley

Proposed Operator: John Gilchrist, 59 Grampian Avenue, Paisley

Licence No.: TX018

Mr Allan, on behalf of Skyedale Limited, and Mr Gilchrist, the applicants, were invited into the meeting. After consideration of all matters before the Board, the Convener proposed that the application be granted. This was agreed unanimously.

DECIDED: That the application be granted.

(b) Present Operator: Raymond Stanley, 47 Woodvale Avenue, Bearsden, Glasgow
Proposed Operator: Douglas Goodwin, Green Shadows, Buchanan Castle Estate, Drymen
Licence No.: TX137

The Convener proposed that the application be granted.

DECIDED: That the application be granted.

4 Renewal of Booking Office Licence

There was submitted the undernoted application for renewal of a Booking Office Licence:-

Applicant: Uber Scot Limited, 93 George Street, Edinburgh
Premises: Airlink Business Centre, 1 MacDowall Street, Paisley
Licence No.: BO020

The Convener proposed that the application be granted for a period of two years.

DECIDED: That the application be granted for a period of two years.

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.

5 Hearing into Possible Suspension or Revocation of Taxi Driver's Licence - Personal Appearance

The Board considered the possible suspension or revocation of the undernoted Taxi Driver's Licence. The licence holder had been asked to appear personally for the first time together with Police Scotland:-

Jim Corbett, 29 Stoney Brae, Paisley

Mr Corbett, the licence holder and Mr Allan, his representative, were invited into the meeting together with Inspector Kirkwood and Sergeant Curran, on behalf of the Chief Constable.

After consideration of all matters before the Board, the Convener asked Mr Corbett if he wished to address the Board on any penalty the Board might impose prior to any motions being made in relation to his Taxi Driver's Licence. Mr Corbett then addressed the Board.

Following consideration of Mr Corbett's submission, the meeting adjourned to allow members to consider the matter. The meeting was reconvened.

The Convener proposed that Mr Corbett's Taxi Driver's Licence be suspended for the unexpired portion of the duration of the licence with immediate effect. This was agreed unanimously.

DECIDED: That Mr Corbett's Taxi Driver's Licence be suspended for the unexpired portion of the duration of the licence with immediate effect.

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

Under reference to item 3(c) of the Minute of the meeting of this Board held on 7 September 2017 consideration was resumed of the undernoted application for the grant of a Private Hire Car Driver's Licence. The applicant had been asked to appear personally for the second time together with Police Scotland who had submitted a representation and a supplementary letter to the application and an objection received outwith the statutory timescale to the application:-

David Smith, 28 Whitehills, Erskine

There was no appearance by or on behalf of Mr Smith. The Convener proposed that the application be considered in Mr Smith's absence and this was agreed unanimously.

On hearing the reasons for the lateness of the objection it was decided that the objection would be taken into account when the application was being considered.

After consideration of all matters before the Board, the Convener proposed that the application be refused. This was agreed unanimously.

DECIDED: That the application be refused.

7 Grant of Landlord Registration - Personal Appearance

Under reference to item 4(b) of the Minute of the meeting of this Board held on 7 September 2017 consideration was resumed of the undernoted application for the grant of Landlord Registration. The applicant had been asked to appear personally for the second time together with Police Scotland:-

Christopher Scott, 5 Bridle Road, Claygate, Esher

The Assistant Managing Solicitor (Licensing) advised that Mr Scott had withdrawn his application.

DECIDED: That it be noted that the application had been withdrawn.

8 Hearings into Possible Removal from the Register of Private Landlords - Personal Appearances

The Board considered the possible removal of the undernoted landlords from the register of private landlords. The landlords had been asked to appear personally for the first time:-

(a) William Brownhill, 12 Bay Willow Court, Cambuslang

Mr Brownhill, the landlord, and Mrs Brownhill, were invited into the meeting. Mr Brownhill advised that he wished to withdraw the property from his registration.

DECIDED: That it be noted that Mr Brownhill had withdrawn the property from his registration.

(b) Asghar Ali, 28 Leven Street, Pollokshields, Glasgow

Mr Ali, the landlord, was invited into the meeting. After consideration of all matters before the Board, the Convener proposed that consideration of the matter be continued and that the landlord be invited to a future meeting of the Board. This was agreed unanimously.

DECIDED: That consideration of the matter be continued and that the landlord be invited to a future meeting of the Board.

9 Grant of Private Hire Car Operators' Licences - Personal Appearances

There were submitted the undernoted applications for the grant of Private Hire Car Operators' Licences. The applicants had been asked to appear personally for the first time:-

(a) William Calvey, Passinglinn Cottage, Kibblestone Road, Kilbarchan

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

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

DECIDED: That consideration of the application be continued and that the applicant be invited to a future meeting of the Board.

(b) Anthony Barlow, 64 Dunvegan Avenue, Elderslie

There was no appearance by or on behalf of Mr Barlow. The Convener proposed that consideration of the application be continued and that the applicant be invited to a future meeting of the Board. This was agreed unanimously.

DECIDED: That consideration of the application be continued and that the applicant be invited to a future meeting of the Board.