

Notice of Meeting and Agenda Regulatory Functions Board

Date	Time	Venue
Wednesday, 27 October 2021	10:00	Remotely by MS Teams ,

KENNETH GRAHAM
Head of Corporate Governance

Membership

Councillor Eddie Devine: Councillor Audrey Doig: Councillor Lisa-Marie Hughes: Councillor Alistair Mackay: Councillor Cathy McEwan: Councillor Kevin Montgomery: Councillor Andy Steel: Councillor Jane Strang:

Councillor John McNaughtan (Convener): Councillor Emma Rodden (Depute Convener):

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Part 2 - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=srpQbNkYMw8>

Items of business

Apologies

Apologies from members.

Declarations of Interest

Members are asked to declare an interest in any item(s) on the agenda and to provide a brief explanation of the nature of the interest.

1 Renewal of Late Hours Catering Licence - Personal

Appearance

Submit the undernoted application for renewal of a Late Hours Catering Licence. The applicant has been asked to appear personally for the first time together with Bishopton Community Council who has submitted a representation to the application:-

Applicant: Manjit Kaur

Premises: Chapati 9, 3 Greenock Road, Bishopton

Authorised activity: takeaway

Operating hours: Sunday to Thursday – 11.00 pm to 12 midnight and

Friday and Saturday – 11.00 pm to 1.00 am

Licence No.: LHC074

2 Grant of Private Hire Car Drivers' Licences - Personal

Appearances

Submit the undernoted applications for grant of Private Hire Car Drivers' Licences. The applicants have been asked to appear personally for the first time:-

(a) Rafal Bielicki

(b) James Clark

3 Variation of Private Hire Car Operator's Licence -

Personal Appearance

Submit the undernoted application for variation of a Private Hire Car Operator's Licence. The applicant has been asked to appear personally for the first time:-

Applicant: Stephen Aitken

Variation: exception to policy and standard condition 1

Licence No.: PH1332

4 Surrender and Re-issue of Taxi Operators' Licences

Submit the undernoted applications for the surrender and re-issue of Taxi Operators' Licences:-

(a) Present Operator: Iris Dougans
Proposed Operator: Scott Gibbons
Licence No.: TX022

(b) Present Operator: Susan Smith
Proposed Operator: Douglas Ronald
Licence No.: TX026

(c) Present Operator: Gary Brogan
Proposed Operator: David Paterson
Licence No.: TX069

5 Review of Taxi Rank: Gilmour Street, Paisley

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Report by Director of Finance & Resources.

EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

The Board may by resolution exclude the press and public from the meeting during consideration of the following items of business as it is likely, in view of the nature of the business to be transacted, that if members of the press and public are present, there could 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.

6 Renewal of Taxi Driver's Licence - Personal Appearance

Submit the undernoted application for renewal of a Taxi Driver's Licence. The applicant has been asked to appear personally for the first time together with Police Scotland who has submitted a representation to the application:-

Roderick McIntosh T1276

7 Grant of Private Hire Car Drivers' Licences - Personal Appearances

Submit the undernoted applications for grant of Private Hire Car Drivers' Licences. The applicants have been asked to appear personally for the first time:-

- (a) Mohammad Aziz
- (b) Md Abdul Karim
- (c) Asad Chaudhry
- (d) Zaid Hassen

**8 Renewal of Private Hire Car Operator's Licence and
Renewal of Private Hire Car Driver's Licence - Personal
Appearance**

Submit the undernoted applications for renewal of a Private Hire Car Operator's Licence and renewal of a Private Hire Car Driver's Licence. The applicant has been asked to appear personally for the first time together with Police Scotland who has submitted objections to the applications:-

Anwar Ul-Haq Shafi PH1065 and P0724

**9 Grant of Late Hours Catering Licence - Personal
Appearance**

Submit the undernoted application for grant of a Late Hours Catering Licence. The applicant has been asked to appear personally for the first time:-

Applicant: Muhammad Arshad
Premises: Salt & Chilli, 72 Netherhill Road, Paisley
Authorised activity: Indian takeaway
Operating hours: Sunday to Thursday – 11.00 pm to 12 midnight and
Friday and Saturday – 11.00 pm to 1.00 am

Adjournment

The meeting will adjourn following consideration of item 9 and reconvene at 1.30 pm.

**10 Possible Suspension or Revocation of Private Hire Car
Driver's Licence - Personal Appearance**

Consider the possible suspension or revocation of the undernoted Private Hire Car Driver's Licence. The licence holder has been asked to appear personally for the first time together with Police Scotland:-

Stephen Hastie P0359

**11 Renewal of Private Hire Car Driver's Licence - Personal
Appearance**

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

Mohammed Javid P0323

12 Grant of Private Hire Car Operator's Licence - Personal Appearance

Submit the undernoted application for grant of a Private Hire Car Operator's Licence. The applicant has been asked to appear personally for the first time:-

Morteza Honarmanozadeh

13 Renewal of Taxi Operator's Licence - Personal Appearance

Submit the undernoted application for renewal of a Taxi Operator's Licence. The applicant has been asked to appear personally for the first time:-

Vincent Dobbins TX045

14 Renewal of Street Trader's Licence - Personal Appearance

Submit the undernoted application for renewal of a Street Trader's Licence. The applicant has been asked to appear personally for the first time together with the Director of Communities & Housing who has submitted an objection to the application:-

Applicant: Lois Larkin

Authorised goods: groceries, cold snacks, ice cream, ice lollies, confectionery and newspapers

Trading from: Ferguslie Park area, Paisley

Operating hours: 7 days per week – 10.00 am to 10.30 pm

Licence No.: ST528

15 Application for Landlord Registration - Personal Appearance

Submit the undernoted application for Landlord Registration. The applicant has been asked to appear personally for the first time together with the Director of Communities & Housing:-

Kenneth Thomson



To: Regulatory Functions Board

On: 27th October 2021

Report by: Director of Finance and Resources

Heading: Review of Taxi Rank: Gilmour Street, Paisley

1. Summary

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to seek the Board's authority to consult with the taxi trade and the wider public upon a proposed new taxi rank (and feeder rank) in Gilmour Street, Paisley, to replace the existing taxi rank provision there.
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2. Recommendations

- 2.1 It is recommended that the Board:-
- 2.1.1 Approve the proposed taxi ranks described at Appendix 2 and shown delineated in red on the plan at Appendix 3 of the report as suitable for consultation;
- 2.1.2 Authorise officers to give notice to Police Scotland and to advertise the proposed new ranks in a newspaper circulating in the Council's area and to consult with representatives of the taxi trade in respect of the proposal;
- 2.1.3 Instruct officers to bring a further report to the Board following consultation, reporting the results of the consultation; and
- 2.1.4 Otherwise note the contents of the report.

3. **Background**

- 3.1 Section 19 of the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982 allows the Council, as licensing authority, to appoint stances for taxis. The Council may appoint a taxi stance on any road within their area, or on land owned by the Council or, with the consent of the owner, any other land. A taxi stance may be appointed for use on the whole or any part of a day.
- 3.2 In order to appoint a new taxi rank, the Council must consult with taxi operators, or representatives of taxi operators, in their area. The Council must also give notice to Police Scotland and give public notice of the proposal by advertising in at least one local newspaper circulating in their area and must consider any objections or representations made in writing within 28 days of the publication of this notice. The Council is unable to appoint a taxi stance which would unreasonably prevent access to any premises or, without the consent of the roads authority to appoint a new taxi stance, illuminate any sign there or cause any mark or line to be made on any road.

Proposal

- 3.3 Officers in the Council's City Deal and Infrastructure Project Team have formulated a proposal to revoke the existing taxi rank (and feeder rank) in Gilmour Street, Paisley, and to appoint new ranks in their place. The existing taxi rank and feeder rank in Gilmour Street was approved on 18th September 1997 by the Corporate Services Committee. The location of this rank is described at Appendix 1 and allows spaces for eight taxis with an additional five spaces in a feeder rank located under the railway bridge at Gilmour Street.
- 3.4 This existing taxi rank provision continues to be used by the taxi trade, but the size of the current rank restricts the use of County Square for event space in Paisley Town Centre. In addition, representatives of taxi operators have previously suggested that traffic should be allowed to leave the taxi rank eastwards on Central Road, to facilitate taxi journeys to the south of Paisley. Currently taxi drivers need to complete these journeys via the one-way system on Old Sneddon Street, resulting in increased peak time traffic congestion. Taxi representatives have also stated that they wish to maintain their close location to the main entrance to Paisley Gilmour Street Station, which provides high visibility for customers.
- 3.5 The new proposal would involve retention of a taxi rank, with six spaces for taxis, within County Square, together with a feeder rank containing a further eighteen spaces at Central Road. A description of the proposal is attached at Appendix 2 to the report, with an accompanying plan at Appendix 3. It is envisaged that the proposal would allow taxis to easily access the proposed feeder and main rank westwards on Central Road

and to egress from the main rank by either the one way system or eastwards on Central Road. For comparison purposes, a plan of the existing layout at County Square is attached at Appendix 4.

- 3.6 Officers in the City Deal and Infrastructure Project Team have consulted informally with various stakeholders on possible changes to roads infrastructure and public realm works in Paisley Town Centre in spring 2020 and again more recently in July 2021 to understand if there had been any changes in light of the pandemic. They have also consulted informally with representatives of the taxi trade on the proposal set out at Paragraph 3.5. Representatives of the taxi trade attended a meeting with Council officers on 20th February 2020, and again in a series of meetings in July 2021. At the meetings, taxi representatives indicated broad support for this proposal, although one representative expressed a preference for a larger feeder rank.
- 3.7 New River, owners of the Piazza Shopping Centre, have also been consulted on the proposed scheme as the feeder rank is located within the area of their ownership. Central Road is included in the current configuration of adopted roads and the scheme proceeds on this basis.
- 3.8 Both the Council's Director of Environment and Infrastructure and Head of Economy and Development are aware of, and are supportive of, the proposal.

Next Steps

- 3.9 The Board is asked to approve the proposed taxi rank described at Appendix 2 and shown on the plan at Appendix 3 as suitable for consultation. Should the Board agree the recommendations at Paragraph 2.1.1 to 2.1.3 to this report, officers will give notice to the police, consult formally with representatives of the taxi trade and advertise the proposal in a newspaper circulating in the Council's area.
- 3.10 A report will be brought to a future meeting of the Board seeking approval of the proposal in principle, subject to the responses received to the consultation and advert, and seeking that authority be delegated to the Head of Corporate Governance to formally appoint the new main rank and feeder rank upon the completion of the Traffic Regulation Order(s) which will allow parking restrictions at the proposed taxi stances to be enforced. This will allow the appointment of the taxi stances and the relative traffic regulation orders to take effect simultaneously.

Implications of the Report

1. **Financial** – The cost of advertising the proposal in a newspaper will be met from existing approved resources.
2. **HR & Organisational Development** – None.
3. **Community Planning** –
 - Our Renfrewshire is safe – the improvement of taxi ranking facilities contributes to safer communities.
4. **Legal** – The procedural requirements set out in the report are set out in Section 19 of the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982.
5. **Property/Assets** – None
6. **Information Technology** – None.
7. **Equality & Human Rights** -
 - (b) The Recommendations contained within this report have been assessed in relation to their impact on equalities and human rights. No negative impacts on equality groups or potential for infringement of individuals' human rights have been identified arising from the recommendations contained in the report, as the report seeks a possible change to the taxi ranks at Paisley Gilmour Street, which will be the subject of consultation with taxi trade representatives and consultation by way of statutory advertisement. It is anticipated that, should the proposed taxi ranks be changed following consultation, that only positive benefits will result from this, as taxis will still collect passengers from Gilmour Street and the overall taxi provision at the main rank/ nearby feeder rank will increase.
8. **Health & Safety** - None
9. **Procurement** – None
10. **Risk** - None
11. **Privacy Impact** - None

12. **Cosla Policy Position** – None
13. **Climate Emergency** – Should the proposal be approved following consultation, it is anticipated that allowing taxis to egress from the rank eastwards on Central Road will shorten certain journeys and may reduce traffic congestion, thereby reducing carbon emissions. The proposal to remove the existing feeder rank will allow its potential use for active travel possibilities.

List of Background Papers- None.

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APPENDIX 1

Description of Existing Taxi Ranks in Gilmour Street, Paisley

- a. From a point 9 metres south of the extended south kerblines of Central Road generally southwards then westwards then northwards around the turning head to a point 11 metres north of the south kerblines of Central Road.

Side of Road Restriction Applies: South, West and North

Number of Spaces: Eight

- b. From a point 4.5 metres south of the extended south kerblines of Old Sneddon Street southwards for a distance of 30 metres

Side of Road Restriction Applies: East

Number of Spaces: Five

APPENDIX 2

Description of Proposed New Ranks in Gilmour Street and Central Road, Paisley

- a. The taxi pick up point extending to 75 square metres or thereby lying generally to the south west of the junction between Gilmour Street and Central Road, Paisley, and shown outlined in red on the Plan attached at Appendix 3 to this report.

Number of Spaces: 6

- b. The taxi feeder rank extending to 225 square metres or thereby lying generally to the south of Central Road, Paisley and shown outlined in red on the Plan attached at Appendix 3 to this report.

Number of Spaces: 18

Plan of Proposed New Rank





