

# **LICENSING COMMITTEE**

Minute of hybrid meeting of the Licensing Committee held in the Council Chambers, 2 High Street, Perth on Monday 6 March 2023 at 2:30pm.

Present: Bailies C Ahern, R Brock and M Williamson, Councillors K Allan, H Anderson, S Carr, E Drysdale, K Harvey, D Illingworth, I MacPherson, W Robertson and G Stewart.

In Attendance: A Brown, D Gilkison, J Guild, M Henderson, M McLaren, M Pasternak (all Corporate and Democratic Services), R Jamieson (Police Scotland).

Apologies for Absence: Councillor C Reid.

Bailie M Williamson, Convener, Presiding.

## **1. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES**

The Convener welcomed all present to the meeting. Apologies for absence were noted as above.

## **2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

In terms of Councillors' Code of Conduct, Bailie C Ahern and Councillor E Drysdale declared a non-financial interest in Item 4.

## **3. MINUTES**

The Minute of Meeting of the Licensing Committee of 30 January 2023 was submitted and approved as a correct record.

HAVING DECLARED AN INTEREST IN THE FOLLOWING ITEM, BAILIE AHERN AND COUNCILLOR DRYSDALE LEFT THE MEETING AT THIS POINT.

## **4. GRANT OF A SHORT TERM LET LICENCE**

There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal and Governance Services (23/74) together with letters of objection and letters of support, in relation to the Grant of a Short Term Let Licence (Provisional Licence Number PK11137P).

Mr Richard Oram, Mrs Emma Oram and Mr Archie Marshall, objectors to the application, joined the meeting by telephone, addressed the Committee and answered Members' questions.

The applicant attended the meeting, addressed the Committee and answered Members' questions.

The representative of Police Scotland attended the meeting virtually, addressed the Committee and answered Members' questions.

**Resolved:**

The application for Short Term Let Licence (Provisional Licence Number PK11137P), be granted.

BAILIE AHERN AND COUNCILLOR DRYSDALE RETURNED TO THE MEETING AT THIS POINT.

**IT WAS AGREED THAT THE PUBLIC AND PRESS SHOULD BE EXCLUDED DURING CONSIDERATION OF THE FOLLOWING ITEMS IN ORDER TO AVOID THE DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION WHICH IS EXEMPT IN TERMS OF SCHEDULE 7A TO THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT (SCOTLAND) ACT 1973.**

IT WAS AGREED TO VARY THE ORDER OF BUSINESS AT THIS POINT.

**P4. GRANT OF A TAXI DRIVER LICENCE – TD2183**

There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal and Governance Services (23/78) together with a letter of objection dated 31 January 2023 from Police Scotland, regarding Grant of a Taxi Driver Licence No. TD2183.

The applicant was in attendance.

The representative of Police Scotland addressed the Committee and answered Members' questions. The applicant also addressed the Committee and answered Members' questions.

FOLLOWING A SHORT ADJOURNMENT, THE COMMITTEE RECONVENED.

**Motion (Bailie M Williamson and Councillor K Harvey)**

**The application for Grant of Taxi Driver Licence No. TD2183 be granted for a period of 1 year.**

Amendment (Bailie C Ahern and Councillor H Anderson)

The application for Grant of Taxi Driver Licence No. TD2183 be refused on the grounds that the applicant is not a fit and proper person to hold a Taxi Driver Licence.

In accordance with Standing Order 21, a roll call vote was taken.

8 members voted for the Motion as follows:

Bailie R Brock, Councillors S Carr, E Drysdale, K Harvey, D Illingworth, I MacPherson, W Robertson and Bailie M Williamson.

4 members voted for the Amendment as follows:

Bailie C Ahern, Councillors K Allan, H Anderson and G Stewart.

**Resolved:**

In accordance with the Motion.

**P1. GRANT OF A STREET TRADER LICENCE – ST465**

There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal and Governance Services (23/75) together with a letter of representation dated 23 January 2023 from Police Scotland, regarding Grant of Street Trader Licence No. ST465.

**Resolved:**

Grant of Street Trader Licence No. ST465 be deferred until the next available meeting of the Licensing Committee, due to time constraints.

**P2. GRANT OF TAXI DRIVER LICENCE – TD2177**

Following the revocation of Police Scotland's Letter of Representation, this item was withdrawn from the agenda.

**P3. GRANT OF TAXI DRIVER LICENCE – TD2181**

There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal and Governance Services (23/77) together with two letters of objection dated 25 January and 28 February 2023 from Police Scotland, regarding Grant of Taxi Driver Licence No. TD2181.

**Resolved:**

Grant of Taxi Driver Licence No. TD2181 be deferred until the next available meeting of the Licensing Committee, due to time constraints.