

LICENSING COMMITTEE

Minute of hybrid meeting of the Licensing Committee held in the Council Chambers, 2 High Street, Perth on Thursday 8 September 2022 at 10.00am.

Present: Bailie M Williamson, Councillor I MacPherson, Councillors K Allan, H Anderson, Bailie R Brock, Councillors S Carr, E Drysdale, K Harvey, D Illingworth (Item P3 only), W Robertson and G Stewart.

In Attendance: A Brown, D Gilkison, J Guild, S McQueen and M Pasternak (all Corporate and Democratic Services), J Allen and K Thomson-Craig (Police Scotland).

Apologies for Absence: Bailie C Ahern and 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

Bailie Brock declared an interest in Item P1 Suspension of Taxi/Private Hire Car Driver Licence – TD1507.

3. MINUTES

The Minute of Meeting of the Licensing Committee of 3 August 2022 was submitted and approved as a correct record.

4. NOTICE OF PUBLIC PROCESSION – AUCHTERARDER RUNNING FESTIVAL

This item was withdrawn from consideration prior to the meeting.

5. VARIATION OF CONDITION OF STREET TRADER LICENCE – ST452

There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal and Governance Services (22/206) together with application form, photographs of the proposed site, street trader licence conditions and four letters of objection in relation to the variation of a street trader licence.

The applicant was in attendance via telephone.

Joanna Miller, Applicant's Solicitor, attended the meeting, addressed the Committee, and answered Members' questions.

Liam Cayless, Objector, attended the meeting, addressed the Committee, and answered Members' questions.

FOLLOWING A SHORT ADJOURNMENT, THE COMMITTEE RECONVENED.

Resolved:

Variation of Condition 7 of Street Trader Licence ST452, be granted.

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.

HAVING DECLARED AN INTEREST IN THE FOLLOWING ITEM, BAILIE BROCK LEFT THE CHAMBERS.

P1. SUSPENSION OF TAXI/PRIVATE HIRE CAR DRIVER LICENCE – TD1507

There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal and Governance Services (22/207) together with a letter of representation dated 11 August 2022 from Police Scotland, regarding Suspension of a Taxi Driver Licence.

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.

Resolved:

Taxi/Private Hire Car Driver Licence TD1507, be not suspended.

P2. CONTINUED SUSPENSION OF STREET TRADER LICENCE – ST396

There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal and Governance Services together with a letter of objection dated 18 August from Police Scotland, regarding Immediate Suspension of a Street Trader Licence.

The applicant failed to attend.

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

FOLLOWING A SHORT ADJOURNMENT, THE COMMITTEE RECONVENED.

Motion (Bailie Williamson and Councillor Harvey)

Suspension of Street Trader Licence ST396 be continued until 14 January 2024.

Amendment (Councillors Allan and Robertson)

Street Trader Licence ST396 be revoked immediately.

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

6 members voted for the Motion as follows:

Bailies Brock and Williamson and Councillors Carr, Drysdale, Harvey and Stewart.

4 members voted for the Amendment as follows:

Councillors Allan, Anderson, MacPherson and Robertson.

Resolved:

Suspension of Street Trader Licence ST396 be continued until 14 January 2024.

P3. GRANT OF TAXI/PRIVATE HIRE CAR DRIVER LICENCE – TD2126

There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal and Governance Services (22/213) together with a letter of representation dated 20 July 2022 from Police Scotland, regarding Grant of a Taxi Driver Licence.

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.

Resolved:

Taxi/Private Hire Car Driver Licence, be granted.