

LICENSING COMMITTEE

Minute of hybrid meeting of the Licensing Committee held in the Council Chambers, 2 High Street, Perth, on Tuesday 19 February 2024 at 1.00pm.

Present: Bailies M Williamson and R Brock, Councillors K Allan, H Anderson, B Brawn, S Carr, A Chan, M Frampton, K Harvey, C Reid, W Robertson and G Stewart.

In Attendance: M McLaren, D Rankine, J Guild, R Ramsay and M Pasternak (all Corporate and Democratic Services), D Smith (Police Scotland) (Item P1 onwards).

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

There were no Declarations of Interests in terms of the Councillors Code of Conduct.

3. MINUTES

3(i) Minute of Meeting of Licensing Committee of 8 January 2024 for Approval

The Minute of Meeting of the Licensing Committee of 8 January 2024, was submitted and approved as a correct record.

3(ii) Minute of Meeting of Licensing Committee of 30 January 2024 for Approval

The Minute of Meeting of the Licensing Committee of 30 January 2024, was submitted and approved as a correct record.

3(iii) Minute of Meeting of Licensing Committee of 13 February 2024 for Approval

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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.

P1 GRANT OF A TAXI/PRIVATE HIRE CAR DRIVER LICENCE – TD2296

There was submitted a report by Strategic Lead – Legal and Governance (24/60) together with a letter of representation dated 11 January 2024 from Police Scotland, regarding Taxi Driver Licence TD2296.

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

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

FOLLOWING A SHORT ADJOURNMENT, THE COMMITTEE RECONVENED.

Resolved:

Taxi/Private Hire Car Driver Licence TD2296, be granted for a period of 1 year.

P2. GRANT OF A TAXI/PRIVATE HIRE CAR DRIVER LICENCE – TD2299

There was submitted a report by Strategic Lead – Legal and Governance (24/61) together with a letter of representation dated 19 January 2024 from Police Scotland, regarding Taxi Driver Licence TD2299.

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

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

FOLLOWING A SHORT ADJOURNMENT, THE COMMITTEE RECONVENED.

Resolved:

Taxi/Private Hire Car Driver Licence TD2299, be granted for a period of 3 years.

P3. SUSPENSION OF A TAXI-PRIVATE HIRE CAR DRIVER LICENCE – TD1661

There was submitted a report by Strategic Lead – Legal and Governance (24/62) together with immediate suspension request dated 18 January 2024 from Police Scotland, regarding Taxi Driver Licence TD1661.

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

Mr Naeem, licence holder, attended the meeting along with his employer Andrew Lothian who addressed the Committee, and answered Members' questions, on behalf of Mr Naeem.

FOLLOWING A SHORT ADJOURNMENT, THE COMMITTEE RECONVENED.

Resolved:

Consideration of Suspension of Taxi/Private Hire Car Driver Licence, be deferred for an initial period of 3 months to allow further information on proceedings from the Crown Office and Procurator Fiscal Service.
