

LICENSING COMMITTEE

Minute of hybrid meeting of the Licensing Committee held in the Council Chambers, 2 High Street, Perth, on Tuesday 30 January 2024 at 9:30am.

Present: Bailie M Williamson and Councillors I Macpherson, B Brawn, M Frampton, K Harvey, G Stewart and W Robertson.

In Attendance: M McLaren, S Michie, D Gilkinson, K Engelberts, D Rankin (from Item P1), A Taylor, A Brown and M Pasternak, (all Corporate and Democratic Services), E Rankin, K Thomson-Craig and T Baynham (all Police Scotland)

Apologies for Absence: Bailie R Brock, Councillors K Allan, H Anderson, S Carr, A Chan and 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

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

3. GRANT OF A SHORT TERM LET LICENCE – NEW OPERATION – 5 CRAIGOWER CRESCENT, PITLOCHRY

There was submitted a report by the Strategic Lead, Legal and Governance Services (24/34) along with two letters of objection, in relation to Grant of a Short Term Let Licence – New Operation at 5 Craigower Crescent, Pitlochry.

Mr Hayes, an objector to the application, attended the meeting, addressed the Committee, and answered Members' questions.

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

FOLLOWING A SHORT ADJOURNMENT, THE COMMITTEE RECONVENED.

Resolved:

The application for a Short Term Let Licence be granted for a period of three years, subject to an additional condition being added, stating that a local contact number be provided to neighbouring residents in order to report any issues.

4. GRANT OF A SHORT TERM LET LICENCE – NEW OPERATION – 8 CRAIGOWER CRESCENT, PITLOCHRY.

There was submitted a report by the Strategic Lead, Legal and Governance Services (24/35) along with two letters of objection, in relation to Grant of a Short Term Let Licence – New Operation at 8 Craigower Crescent, Pitlochry.

Mr Hayes, an objector to the application, attended the meeting, addressed the Committee, and answered Members' questions.

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

FOLLOWING A SHORT ADJOURNMENT, THE COMMITTEE RECONVENED.

Resolved:

The application for a Short Term Let Licence be granted for a period of three years, subject to an additional condition being added, stating that a local contact number be provided to neighbouring residents in order to report any issues.

5. REVIEW OF CIVIC LICENCE FEES

There was submitted a report by Strategic Lead – Legal and Governance (24/36) seeking an approval to increase the fees for licences issued under the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982 and proposing that the revised fees as set out in Appendix 1 be adopted with effect from 1 April 2024.

Resolved:

The increase in fees for licences issued under the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982 as detailed in Appendix 1 to Report 24/36, be approved.

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. SUSPENSION OF TAXI/PRIVATE HIRE CAR DRIVER LICENCE – TD1258

There was submitted a report by the Strategic Lead, Legal and Governance Services (24/37) along with a request of suspension dated 21 November 2023 from Police Scotland, regarding Taxi Driver Licence TD1258.

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

The licence holder was not present.

FOLLOWING A SHORT ADJOURNMENT, THE COMMITTEE RECONVENED.

Motion by Bailie M Williamson and Councillor I MacPherson

Taxi/Private Hire Car Driver Licence TD1258 be suspended for a period of six months.

Amendment 1 by Councillors K Harvey and M Frampton

Taxi/Private Hire Car Driver Licence TD1258 be suspended for the full duration of the licence period.

Amendment 2 by Councillor B Brawn

Suspension of Taxi/Private Hire Car Driver Licence TD1258, be deferred to a future meeting of the Committee to enable the licence holder to attend.

Under the terms of Standing Order 18.3, as no seconder to Amendment 2 was forthcoming, Amendment 2 subsequently fell.

In terms of Standing Order 21, a roll call vote was taken.

3 Members voted for the Motion as follows:

Bailie M Williamson, Councillors I MacPherson and W Robertson.

3 Members voted for the Amendment as follows:

Councillors M Frampton, K Harvey and G Stewart.

1 Member abstained, as follows:

Councillor B Brawn

In terms of Standing Order 21.2 the Convener took the casting vote in favour of the Motion.

Resolved:

In accordance with the Motion.

COUNCILLOR BRAWN ASKED FOR HIS DISSENT TO BE RECORDED AT THE ABOVE DECISION.
