

Licensing Committee
3 October 2012

IRVINE, 3 October 2012 - At a Meeting of the Licensing Committee of North Ayrshire Council at 2.00 p.m.

Present

Ronnie McNicol, Tom Marshall, John Bruce, Ian Clarkson, Alex McLean, Alan Munro, Donald Reid and Robert Steel.

In Attendance

C. Andrews, Chief Legal Officer, W. O'Brien, Solicitor (Licensing), A. Toal, Administrative Assistant (Corporate Services); and A. Little, Committee Services Officer (Chief Executive's Service).

Also In Attendance

Inspector Skimming and Constable McIntosh, Strathclyde Police.

Chair

Councillor McNicol in the Chair.

Apologies for Absence

Ruth Maguire.

1. Declarations of Interest

In terms of Standing Order 16, Councillor Steel, as an acquaintance of the applicant Ronald Tudhope, declared an interest in Agenda Item 3 (Application Ref:TDL/00451) and took no part in the discussion thereon.

2. Minutes

The Minutes of the previous meeting of the Licensing Committee held on 22 August 2012 were signed in accordance with paragraph 7(1) of Schedule 7 of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973.

3. Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982: Licensing Matters

Submitted report by the Solicitor to the Council on (a) Hearings to be determined; (b) applications for the grant or renewal of licences and permits; and (c) issues arising in respect of existing licences, all in terms of the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982.

The Committee agreed to dispose of these matters as indicated in the attached Appendix LC1.

4. Urgent Items

The Chair agreed that the following items of business be considered as a matter of urgency to allow the matters to be actioned without delay.

4.1 TL/412 Alan Hamilton, Graham Hamilton and Elizabeth Hamilton

The Committee was advised that the above licence expired on 30 September 2012 and a renewal application had been received on 3 October 2012.

The Committee agreed to accept the late application and consider the application for renewal at a future meeting.

4.2 Taxi Fare Review

Representatives from the taxi trade in the Ardrossan area have made a representation for a further review of taxi fare tariffs as a result of escalating fuel prices.

The most recent taxi fare review commenced on 15 November 2011 and its outcome implemented with effect from 28 May 2012.

Representatives from Irvine taxi operator TOA were in attendance and expressed the view that the representation did not reflect the opinions of all taxi operators and drivers in North Ayrshire. It was suggested that consultation of TOA drivers could be undertaken to gauge their views on a taxi fare review.

The Committee agreed that the Solicitor (Licensing) report to a future meeting on the outcome of the consultation undertaken by the taxi operator TOA on a taxi fare review.

The meeting ended at 3.50 p.m.