

Licensing Committee
22 August 2012

IRVINE, 22 August 2012 - At a Meeting of the Licensing Committee of North Ayrshire Council at 2.45 p.m.

Present

Ronnie McNicol, Tom Marshall, Robert Barr, John Bruce, Ian Clarkson, Ruth Maguire, Alex McLean, Donald Reid and Robert Steel.

In Attendance

W. O'Brien, Senior Solicitor (Licensing), A. Toal, Administrative Assistant, C. Reilly, Team Manager (Food/Health and Safety), K. Love, Environmental Health Officer and P. Brennan, Specialist Environmental Health Officer (Noise) (Corporate Services) and A. Little, Committee Services Officer (Chief Executive's Service).

Also In Attendance

Inspector J. Conway and Constable K. Ritchie (Strathclyde Police).

Chair

Councillor McNicol in the Chair.

Apologies for Absence

Alan Munro.

1. Declarations of Interest

In terms of Standing Order 16, (a) Councillor Barr, as an acquaintance of the applicant, declared an interest in Agenda Item 3, Appendix A, Hearing 3 and withdrew from the meeting for that item of business; and (b) Councillor McLean, as a previous associate of an individual who had submitted a letter of support in respect of the representation made by George Torbet, declared in interest in Agenda Item 3, Appendix A, Hearing 8 and took no part in the determination thereof.

2. Minutes

The Minutes of the previous meeting of the Licensing Committee held on 26 June 2012 were signed in accordance with Paragraph 7(1) of Schedule 7 of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973, subject to clarification that the report on the Regulation of Public Processions had been noted by the Committee and continued indefinitely.

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. Street Trader's Licences under Section 39 of the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982, Market Operator's Licences under Section 40, and Regulation of Public Charitable Collections under Section 119

Submitted report by the Solicitor to the Council on a proposed amendment to its policies in relation to Street Trader's (STLs), Market Operator's (MOLs) and Public Charitable Collections (PCCs) Licences as a result of works in and around Bridgegate, Irvine.

Substantial works will be carried out in the Bridgegate area of Irvine from August 2012 to 2013. While these works are in progress, the width of the pedestrian walkway between the Rivergate Shopping Centre and the High Street will be substantially limited. In order to maximise the free flow of pedestrian traffic in that period, it is proposed that the Council should amend its policy to prohibit STLs, MOLs and PCCs in that area for the duration of the works.

Applicants for these types of licences will be advised of the amended policy. If their application is not withdrawn the application will be referred to the Committee for its consideration.

The Committee agreed to amend the Council's policies (a) to prohibit the issue of Street Trader Licences, Market Operator Licences and Public Charitable Collection Licences in the Bridgegate area for the duration of the works in and around the Bridgegate area, Irvine; and (b) the Senior Solicitor (Licensing's) delegated powers accordingly.

The meeting ended at 5.45 p.m.