

Licensing Committee
21 November 2012

IRVINE, 21 November 2012 - At a Meeting of the Licensing Committee of North Ayrshire Council at 2.00 p.m.

Present

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

In Attendance

W. O'Brien, Solicitor (Licensing), A. Toal, Administrative Assistant; and S. McKenzie, Senior Manager Building Standards (Corporate Services) and A. Little, Committee Services Officer (Chief Executive's Service).

Also In Attendance

Inspector Jones and PC McLean (Strathclyde Police).

Chair

Councillor McNicol in the Chair.

Apologies for Absence

Ian Clarkson and Ruth Maguire.

1. Declarations of Interest

In terms of Standing Order 16, (a) Councillor Steel, as an acquaintance of the applicant R. Tudhope, declared an interest in Agenda Item 3, Appendix A, TDL/00451 (New); and left the meeting for that item of business; and (b) Councillor McLean, as an acquaintance of the applicant D. Scully, declared an interest in Agenda Item 3, Appendix A, Hearing 8 and left the meeting for that item of business.

2. Exclusion of the Public

The Committee resolved in terms of Section 50(A)4 of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973, to exclude from the Meeting the press and the public for the following item of business on the grounds indicated in terms of Paragraph 15 of Part 1 of Schedule 7A of the Act.

3. Minutes

The Minutes of the Meetings of the Licensing Committee held on 3 October and 25 October (Special) 2012 were signed in accordance with paragraph 7(1) of Schedule 7 of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973.

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

Submitted report by the Solicitor to the Council on (a) Hearings to be determined; and (b) applications for the grant or renewal of licences and permits, 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.

5. Urgent Items

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

5.1 Taxi Fare Review

At its meeting on 3 October 2012 the Committee was advised of a representation from the taxi trade in the Ardrossan area for a further review of taxi fare tariffs as a result of escalating fuel prices. The Committee continued consideration of this request while other consultation was carried out.

On resuming consideration of the request, the Committee noted (a) that the last review had been concluded at the meeting of 16 April 2012, when the revised tariff was adopted, following the statutory procedure for reviewing the tariffs, which included a consultation meeting with licence holders; and (b) that the representation was not, in the opinion of the Committee, representative of the view of a substantial proportion of the operators of Taxis operating in the area of the Licensing Authority.

The Committee agreed that the matter did not require to be considered at this time.

The meeting ended at 4.25 p.m.