

REGULATORY PANEL.

Minutes of meeting in County Buildings, Wellington Square, Ayr, on
29th June 2016 at 11.30 a.m.

- Present: Councillors Peter Convery (Chair), Ian Cavana, Ian Douglas, Ann Galbraith, William J. Grant and Hugh Hunter.
- Apologies: Councillors Andy Campbell and Sandra Goldie.
- Attending: M. Douglas, Team Leader (Licensing); D. Scobie, Licensing Monitoring Officer; J. McClure, Committee Services Lead Officer; and Inspector W. Ramsay and Sergeant G. Griffiths, Police Scotland.

1. Declarations of Interest.

Councillor Douglas declared an interest in item 3(g) of this minute as he had had sight of e-mail correspondence regarding this application, however, as he did not feel that there was a conflict of interest, he would not leave the room and would take part in the decision making in relation to this application.

2. Minutes of previous meetings.

The minutes of 26th May 2016 (issued) were submitted and approved.

3. Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982 - Licences.

(a) Taxi Drivers.

The Panel heard an observation from Police Scotland and from the applicant, Sandeep Singh in response.

Decided: to continue consideration of this application to a future meeting of this Panel until the outcome of the court proceedings was known.

Variation in order of business.

In terms of Council Standing Order No. 13(2), the Panel agreed to vary the order of business as hereinafter minuted.

(b) Private Hire Vehicles.

The Panel heard an observation from Police Scotland and from the applicant, Sandeep Singh, in response.

Decided: to continue consideration of this application to a future meeting of this Panel until the outcome of the court proceedings was known.

(c) Taxi Drivers.

- (i) The Panel heard from the applicant, Thomas Cairns in relation to his application.

Councillor Douglas, seconded by Councillor Galbraith, moved that this application be granted for three years.

By way of Amendment, Councillor Hunter, seconded by Councillor Convery, moved that this application be granted for one year.

On a vote being taken by a show of hands, four Members voted for the Amendment and two for the Motion. The Amendment was accordingly declared carried.

Decided: to approve this application for one year, subject to standard conditions as previously agreed.

- (ii) The Panel considered the application from Gary Chivas.

Decided: in the absence of the applicant, to approve this application for one year, subject to standard conditions as previously agreed.

- (iii) The Panel heard from the Licensing Monitoring Officer requesting suspension of the taxi driver's licence held by Rashid Kamran on the grounds that he is not or is no longer a fit and proper person to hold the licence. The Panel then heard from the licence holder in response.

Decided: to suspend the taxi driver's licence currently held by Rashid Kamran for its unexpired portion as he is not or is no longer a fit and proper person to hold the licence.

(d) Private Hire Vehicles.

The Panel heard from the Licensing Monitoring Officer requesting suspension of the private hire vehicle licence held by Rashid Kamran on the grounds that he is not or is no longer a fit and proper person to hold the licence. The Panel then heard from the licence holder in response.

Decided: to suspend the private hire vehicle licence currently held by Rashid Kamran for its unexpired portion as he is not or is no longer a fit and proper person to hold the licence.

(e) Taxi Drivers.

- (i) The Panel heard from the applicant, Ronnie McCutcheon in relation to his application.

Decided: to approve this application for one year, subject to standard conditions as previously agreed.

- (ii) The Panel heard from Police Scotland and from the applicant, Alastair Kidd, in response.

Decided: to approve this application for three years, subject to standard conditions as previously agreed.

(f) **Second Hand Car Dealer.**

Andrew Tait McKie for 23-25 Old Street, Girvan, KA26 9HG.

The Panel heard an observation from Police Scotland and from the applicant in response.

Decided: to grant this application for a Second Hand Car Dealer, subject to standard conditions.

(g) **Taxi Drivers.**

Reference was made to the Minutes of 28th April 2016 (Page 4, paragraph 6(a)(iv)) when it had been decided to suspend the licence held by Christopher Nimmo as per the licence issued to him and to grant delegated powers to the Legal and Licensing Manager to reinstate his licence once proof of completion of the training course had been exhibited and the Panel then heard from the licence holder requesting the recall of the suspension and from the Licensing Monitoring Officer in response.

Decided: not to recall the suspension of the licence held by Christopher Nimmo.

The meeting ended at 12.20 p.m.