

REGULATORY PANEL.

Minutes of meeting in County Buildings, Wellington Square, Ayr, on
17 September 2020 at 10.00 a.m.

Present: Councillor Brian Connolly (Chair).

Present Remotely: Councillors Andy Campbell, Ian Cavana, Alec Clark, Peter Convery,
Ian Fitzsimmons, Mary Kilpatrick, Craig Mackay and Margaret Toner.

Attending: H. Talbot, Team Leader (Building Standards); D. Scobie, Civic Licensing
Standards Officer; and J. McClure, Committee Services Lead Officer.

Attending Remotely: M. Douglas, Team Leader (Licensing); and R. Hannah, Fleet Officer.

Also Attending Remotely: Sergeant S Barrie Police Scotland; B. Ferries, General Manager and
M. Gajic, Safety Officer, Ayr Racecourse; and R. Provan, Safety and Stadium
Manager, Ayr United Football Club.

1. Chair's Remarks.

The Chair took the sederunt and confirmed that today's meeting was not open to the press and public, which was permissible under the COVID-19 legislation. He also confirmed to Members the procedures to conduct this meeting.

2. Declarations of Interest.

There were no declarations of interest by Members of the Panel in terms of Council Standing Order No. 17 and the Councillors' Code of Conduct.

3. Minutes of previous meeting.

The [minutes](#) of 27 August 2020 (issued) were submitted and approved.

4. Annual Inspection and Revised Safety Certificates for the Regulated Stands at Ayr Racecourse.

There was submitted a [report](#) (issued) of 14 September 2020 by the Director – Place advising of the outcome of the annual technical inspections at Ayr Racecourse; and seeking approval to extend the existing Safety Certificates for the two stands.

The Panel heard

- (1) the Team Leader (Building Standards) advise that a site visit had been undertaken on 5 March 2020 and that all assessments, surveys, certification and reports were now in place; and that Police Scotland, Scottish Fire and Rescue, Scottish Ambulance Service and the Council's Building Standards Service and Environmental Health Service had no adverse comments; and
- (2) the General Manager, Ayr Racecourse thank all Officers involved for their assistance in this matter.

Following a question from a Panel Member on how owners, trainers and jockeys would be monitored when visiting the racecourse, the General Manager advised that protocols had been established at a national level to allow racing to take place behind closed doors; that all Racecourse staff had undergone training; and that all owners, trainers and jockeys required to enter the Racecourse through a checkpoint at Western House Hotel where they were required to provide ID and confirm that they had undergone the appropriate online health check, at which point they were guided to the designated green zone for participants and given a wristband. He further advised that stewards had been designated as social distancing officers; and sanitizing stations, barriers and signage had been situated throughout the Racecourse.

The Safety Officer then added that Risk Assessments had been updated in accordance with Scottish Government guidance and that a number of zones had been created for infection control and to keep areas sterile.

The Panel, having congratulated the Racecourse on the measures put in place,

Decided: to agree that the existing Safety Certificates should remain in force until 30 June 2021.

5. Annual Inspection and Revised Safety Certificates for Somerset Park, Ayr.

There was submitted a [report](#) (issued) of 14 September 2020 by the Director – Place advising of the outcome of the annual technical inspection of Somerset Park, Ayr; and seeking approval to extend the existing Safety Certificate for the ground.

The Panel heard

- (1) the Team Leader (Building Standards) advise
 - (a) that a site visit had been undertaken on 5 March 2020 and that all of the required assessments, surveys, certification and reports were now in place, however, maintenance works required to be completed prior to 17 October 2020 when the 2020/21 Championship season was due to commence; and
 - (b) that there had been no adverse comments from Environmental Health Service, Police Scotland, Scottish Fire and Rescue and Scottish Ambulance Service; and
- (2) the Safety and Stadium Manager thank all Officers involved for their assistance in this matter.

The Panel, having congratulated Somerset Park on an excellent report,

Decided: to agree that the existing Safety Certificate should remain in force until 30 June 2021.

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

Taxi Driver.

The Panel considered the application from Gary Eccles.

Decided: in the absence of the applicant, to continue consideration of this application to allow the applicant to attend.

7. 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.

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

Taxi Vehicle Licence.

- (a) The Panel heard from the Civic Licensing Standards Officer and the Fleet Officer in relation to the proposed suspension of the licence held by David Howie (20/00334/HCVL: Vehicle Registration SF61 EDP: Plate Number 56); and the Team Leader (Licensing) read out a written statement submitted by the applicant.

Decided: to renew the above licence held by David Howie, however, to agree that this vehicle should be inspected four monthly for a period of one year and any further failures to be brought to the attention of the Panel.

- (b) The Panel heard from the Civic Licensing Standards Officer and the Fleet Officer in relation to the proposed suspension of the licence held by Gary Keenan (19/00689/HCVL: Vehicle Registration SF10 AZR: Plate Number 110); and from the applicant (who joined the meeting remotely) in response.

Decided: not to suspend the above licence held by Gary Keenan, however, to agree that this vehicle should be inspected four monthly for a period of one year and any further failures to be brought to the attention of the Panel.

9. Exclusion of press and public.

The Panel resolved, in terms of Section 50A(4) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973, that the press and public be excluded from the remaining item of business on the agenda, on the grounds that it involved the likely disclosure of exempt information in terms of paragraph 6 of Part 1 of Schedule 7A of the Act.

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

Taxi Driver.

The Panel heard an objection from Police Scotland and from the applicant, Michael Jennings (who joined the meeting remotely) in response.

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

The meeting ended at 11.30 a.m.