

REGULATORY PANEL.

Minutes of a remote meeting of
23 February 2021 at 10.00 a.m.

Present: Councillors Brian Connolly (Chair), Andy Campbell, Iain Campbell, Ian Cavana, Alec Clark, Ian Fitzsimmons, Mary Kilpatrick, Craig Mackay and Margaret Toner.

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

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 and that this meeting was being recorded for minuting purposes only.

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 26 November 2020 and 20 January 2021 (Special) (issued) were submitted and approved.

4. 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.

5. Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982 - Licences.**(a) Private Hire Driver.**

The Panel heard an objection from Police Scotland and from the applicant, Derek McArthur, in response.

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

(b) **Taxi Vehicle Licence.**

The Panel heard from the Civic Licensing Standards Officer in relation to the proposed suspension of the licence held by Charles Bell (19/00075//HCVL : Vehicle Registration YS66 RFF : Plate Number 121) and considered a written submission from the licence holder.

Councillor Iain Campbell, seconded by Councillor Fitzsimmons, moved not to suspend the licence, however to agree that this vehicle should be inspected every four months for a period of one year.

By way of Amendment, Councillor Andy Campbell, seconded by Councillor Cavana, moved not to suspend the licence, however to agree that this vehicle should be inspected every six months for a period of one year.

On a vote being taken by a roll call, three Members voted for the Amendment and six for the Motion, which was accordingly declared carried.

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

(c) **Taxi Driver.**

Reference was made to the Minutes of 29 October and 26 November 2020 when the Panel had decided to continue consideration of this application to allow the applicant to attend and the Panel now heard a representation from Police Scotland in the absence of the applicant.

Decided: to refuse this application on the grounds that, in their opinion, the applicant, Manvir Singh, was not a fit and proper person to be the holder of the licence.

The meeting ended at 11.00 a.m.