

## **EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL**

### **LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE OF THE COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE**

#### **MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 28 JUNE 2000 AT 1000 HOURS IN THE MEETING ROOM, COUNCIL HEADQUARTERS, LONDON ROAD, KILMARNOCK**

**PRESENT:** Councillors Robert Taylor Brian Reeves, John Weir, David Macrae, Harry Wilson, Tommy Farrell and William Menzies.

**ATTENDING:** John F Crawford, Head of Protective Services; Allison Smith, Principal Officer, Licensing and Community Safety; David Mitchell, Principal Solicitor; David Morgan, Public Relations Officer; Julie Armstrong, Senior Administrative Officer; Nicholas Duffy, Trainee Solicitor; and Ian Gemmell, Administrative Officer.

**APOLOGIES:** Councillors Jimmy Carmichael, Katie Hall, Ann Hay and Julie Faulds.

**CHAIR:** In the absence of the Chair Councillor Robert Taylor was unanimously appointed and took the Chair.

#### **REVIEW OF TAXI FARES (Item 1, Page 900, 99/02)**

1. There was submitted a report dated 13 June 2000 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services which invited the Sub-Committee to fix scales for taxi fares and associated charges, taking into account requests by representatives of the taxi trade.

There was also submitted a letter dated 1 June 2000 (circulated) from Mr J Grant, 45 Campsie Road, Kilmarnock, which made representations regarding the proposed fares increase.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to fix taxi fares structures as detailed in the Director's report, the revised fares and associated charges to be applicable from 1 August 2000; and
- (ii) that the Head of Protective Services (a) seek a meeting with Mr J Grant to discuss matters arising from his letter of representation; and (b) to take up with the Kilmarnock Taxi Trade Association matters which they had referred to in a letter to the Kilmarnock Standard in relation to the proposed increase in taxi fares.

#### **MEETING WITH REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE TAXI TRADE**

2. There was submitted and noted a report dated 13 June 2000 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services on a meeting of the Ad Hoc Committee of Officers, the Taxi Trade and other invited organisations held on 24 May 2000.

#### **CONSIDERATION OF SUSPENSION OF TAXI DRIVERS LICENCE NO. EA/GD178: CHARLES GALLACHER, 24 OLD MILL ROAD, KILMARNOCK**

3. There was submitted a report dated 19 June 2000 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services which invited the Sub-Committee to consider the commencement of suspension proceedings in respect of a taxi drivers Licence.

It was agreed to continue consideration of this matter to a future meeting which would take the form of a Hearing, which the Licensee and appropriate Parties would be invited to attend, and speak to the matters raised.

### **EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC**

4. It was resolved that under Section 50A(4) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973, as amended, the Press and public be excluded from the meeting during the hearings related to the ensuing two Items.

#### **HEARING: APPLICATION FOR GRANT OF A PRIVATE HIRE CAR DRIVERS LICENCE: WILLIAM MONTGOMERY, 32 MASON AVENUE, NEW CUMNOCK ( )**

5. There was submitted a report dated 13 June 2000 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services on an application for the grant of a Private Hire Car Driver's Licence.

The Sub-Committee heard Superintendent Alastair McNaughton, representing Strathclyde Police, in explanation of the Police representations, and the applicant and his employer, who spoke to the matters raised, all in accordance with the agreed Hearing procedure.

The applicant, the applicant's employer and the Police representatives then left the meeting to enable the Sub-Committee to take and to consider legal advice on the matter.

Parties were re-admitted along with the Press and public.

#### **5.1 Decision**

It was agreed to grant the licence, subject to the standard conditions.

#### **HEARING: APPLICATION FOR GRANT OF A STREET TRADER'S LICENCE : THOMAS NUTT, 51 KERSE TERRACE, RANKINSTON (Item 8.5, Page 1056, 99/02)**

6. There was submitted a report dated 13 June 2000 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services, on an application for the grant of a Street Trader's Licence.

The applicant's father, Mr Nutt, and representatives from Strathclyde Police were in attendance.

The applicant's father stated that he was at the meeting on behalf of his son, as his son had previous work commitments.

The Sub-Committee agreed to continue consideration of the matter in order to invite Mr Thomas Nutt, the applicant, to appear in person.

The meeting terminated at 1041 hrs.

**AGENDA**