

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

LOCAL GOVERNMENT LICENSING PANEL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 30 OCTOBER 2003 AT 1000 HOURS IN THE MEETING ROOM, COUNCIL HEADQUARTERS, LONDON ROAD, KILMARNOCK

PRESENT: Councillors Jim Raymond, Daniel Coffey, Gordon Cree, John Weir, William Menzies, and Elaine Stewart.

ATTENDING: Bill Stafford, Director of Community Services; David Mitchell, Head of Administrative and Legal Services; John F Crawford, Head of Protective Services; Alison Smith, Principal Officer Licensing & Community Safety; and Sharon McHarg, Administrative Officer.

APOLOGIES: Councillors Isabella Macrae, Harry Wilson, George Smith, and Neil McGhee.

CHAIR: Councillor Jim Raymond, Chair.

EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

1. The Panel 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 relating to the following item of business on the grounds that it involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 3 of Schedule 7A of the Act.

APPLICATION FOR GRANT OF A TAXI DRIVER'S LICENCE - ARTHUR MacKAY

2. There was submitted a report dated 9 October 2003 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services inviting the Panel to consider, by way of a Hearing, an application for the grant of Taxi Drivers Licence.

The Head of Administrative and Legal Services outlined the agreed hearing procedure.

2.1 Hearing

The Panel heard Superintendent Jim Thompson, representing Strathclyde Police, in explanation of the Police observations, and Mr Black, representative for the applicant who spoke to the matters raised, all in accordance with the agreed hearing procedure.

The applicant, his representative and the Police representative then left the meeting to enable the Panel to take and consider legal advice on the matter.

The parties were then re-admitted.

2.2 Decision

It was agreed that the application for the grant of a Taxi Drivers Licence be granted subject to the standard conditions.

The meeting terminated at 1015 hours.