

APPENDIX I**EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL****LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE OF THE COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE****MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 13 JANUARY 1999 AT 1115 HOURS IN THE MEETING ROOM, COUNCIL HEADQUARTERS, LONDON ROAD, KILMARNOCK**

PRESENT: Councillors Gordon Cree, Jane Darnbrough, George Turnbull, George Smith and Robert Taylor.

ATTENDING: John F Crawford, Head of Protective Services; David Mitchell, Principal Solicitor; Julie Armstrong, Senior Administrative Officer; Irene Brydie, Solicitor; George Scott, Licensing Officer; and Ian Gemmell, Administrative Officer.

APOLOGIES: Councillors John Smith, Gordon McCredie, Alan Campbell, Ann Hay and Tommy Farrell.

CHAIR: In the absence of the Chair, Councillor Gordon Cree was unanimously appointed and took the Chair.

REVIEW OF TAXI FARES (Item 1, Page 3853)

1. There was submitted a report dated 29 December 1998 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services, to allow the Sub-Committee to fix scales for taxi fares and associated charges, taking into account requests by representatives of the Taxi Trade.

Noted that, in terms of Section 17 of the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982, the proposed Taxi Fare Structure had been published in the local press during the week ending 27 November 1998 and that no representations had been received.

It was agreed to approve amendments to taxi fares and associated charges as shown below, the new charges to be applicable from 1 April 1999:-

- (i) in respect of the Northern Zone (Wards 1-20 inclusive):-

Fares by Distance - 0 - 2640 yards - £2.20 (current fare for same distance - £2.00);

for each additional 176 yards - £0.10 (current fare for each additional 195 yards - £0.10);

Other Charges - Waiting time - £0.80 (current charge - £0.70);

Luggage Handling Charge of £0.10 to be deleted; and

- (ii) in respect of the Southern Zone (Wards 21-30 inclusive):-

Fares by Distance - 0 - 1320 yards - £1.30 (current fare for same distance - £1.10);

for each additional 220 yards - £0.14 (current fare for same distance - £0.12);

Other Charges - Waiting time (5 minute period) - £0.70 (current charge £0.60 for the same period);

Luggage not easily carried within the vehicle - £0.10 per item (no current charge);

Fouling Charge - £30.00 (no current charge).

PROVISION OF DISABILITY AWARENESS TRAINING FOR TAXI DRIVERS

2. There was submitted a report dated 18 December 1998 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services to consider attaching a condition to taxi and private hire vehicle drivers' licences that the bearer would have taken an approved course of disability awareness training and had met a required standard of competency.

The Head of Protective Services further recommended (a) that the Committee adopt the recommendation; and (b) that the cost of disability awareness training should be met by the Council.

It was agreed:-

- (i) that there should be applied as a standard condition in taxi and private hire car vehicle drivers' licences that the bearer would have taken an approved course of disability awareness training and had met a required standard of competency;
- (ii) that the Director of Community Services make appropriate arrangements for the provision of training courses for licensees; and
- (iii) that the cost of training courses be met from the revenue budget of the Department of Community Services with no adverse effect on this budget over the 3 year period.

CONSIDERATION OF APPLICATIONS

3. **APPLICATION FOR GRANT OF A TAXI OPERATOR'S LICENCE: RONALD WHITE, 92 AYR ROAD, CUMNOCK**

There was submitted a report dated 16 December 1998 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services on an application for the grant of a Taxi Operator's Licence.

It was agreed to defer consideration of the application to allow completion of consultations between the Director of Community Services and the Taxi Trade on the provision within East Ayrshire of taxi vehicles suitable for the conveyance of disabled persons.

4. **APPLICATION FOR GRANT OF A TAXI OPERATOR'S LICENCE: JAMES WATSON, 9 MCDONALD PLACE, KILMARNOCK**

There was submitted a report dated 16 December 1998 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services on an application for the grant of a Taxi Operator's Licence.

It was agreed to grant the licence subject to the standard conditions and with an additional condition that the licence would only be issued on surrender of the existing Taxi Operator's Licence (and plate) EA40.

5. **APPLICATION FOR GRANT OF A LATE HOURS CATERING LICENCE: JANE CLARK, 16 JURA, ST LEONARDS, EAST KILBRIDE**

There was submitted a report dated 9 December 1998 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services on an application for the grant of a Late Hours Catering Licence in respect of premises at 90A West Main Street, Darvel.

It was reported and noted that planning consent had been granted by the Northern Area Local Planning Committee in respect of change of use of the premises to hot food takeaway and the construction of a flue.

Having considered a letter of representation dated 12 October 1998 from Greta M Roberts, Town Planning Consultant, on behalf of objectors, and a letter dated 25 October 1998 from the applicant in response to the objections (all circulated) it was agreed to grant the licence subject to the standard conditions.

6. APPLICATION FOR GRANT OF A LATE HOURS CATERING LICENCE - SHU KING CHAN, 9 WHITTLE ROAD, AYR

There was submitted a report dated 9 December 1998 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services on an application for the grant of a Late Hours Catering Licence in respect of premises at 4 Loudoun Street, Mauchline.

Having considered a letter of objection dated 20 November 1998 from Alison M Holliday, Mauchline Castle, Mauchline, (circulated) it was agreed to grant the licence subject to the standard conditions.

7. APPLICATION FOR GRANT OF A LATE HOURS CATERING LICENCE - KWOK HEY LIU, 40 BUTE ROAD, CUMNOCK

There was submitted a report dated 9 December 1998 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services on an application for the grant of a Late Hours Catering Licence in respect of premises at 12 Glaisnock Street, Cumnock.

Having considered a letter of representation dated 20 October 1998 from Strathclyde Police, it was agreed to grant the licence subject to the standard conditions this restricting the hours of operation from 11 pm until 1 am the following morning on Friday and Saturday and not 11 pm until 2 am as applied for.

EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

8. The Sub-Committee resolved that under Section 50A(4) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973, as amended, the Press and public be excluded from the meeting for 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.

CONSIDERATION OF APPLICATION

9. APPLICATION FOR GRANT OF A WINDOW CLEANER'S LICENCE: JAMES MCPIKE, 13 WATERSLAP, FENWICK

There was submitted a report dated 9 December 1998 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services on an application for the grant of a Window Cleaner's Licence.

Having considered a letter of representation dated 20 November 1998 from Strathclyde Police, and a letter received on 12 January 1999 from the applicant in support of his application (both circulated) it was agreed to continue consideration of this matter to a future meeting which would take the form of a Hearing, to which the applicant and Strathclyde Police would be invited to appear, or to be represented and to speak to the matters raised.

The meeting terminated at 1155 hours.