MINUTES of MEETING of PLANNING, PROTECTIVE SERVICES AND LICENSING COMMITTEE held in the COUNCIL CHAMBERS, KILMORY, LOCHGILPHEAD on WEDNESDAY, 22 MAY 2013

Present: Councillor Mary-Jean Devon (Chair)

Councillor Gordon Blair Councillor Alistair MacDougall

Councillor Rory Colville Councillor Robert G

Councillor Robin Currie MacIntyre

Councillor Fred Hall Councillor Donald MacMillan Councillor David Kinniburgh Councillor Alex McNaughton

Councillor Richard Trail

Attending: Charles Reppke, Head of Governance and Law

Graeme Forrester, Solicitor Mr MacKenzie, Applicant Sgt Wilson, Police Scotland

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors George Freeman, James McQueen and Sandy Taylor.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

3. CIVIC GOVERNMENT (SCOTLAND) ACT 1982: APPLICATION FOR GRANT OF TAXI DRIVER'S LICENCE (M MACKENZIE, DUNOON)

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and introductions were made. She outlined the procedure that would be followed and invited the Applicant to speak in support of his Application.

Applicant

Mr MacKenzie advised that he had applied for a Taxi Driver's Licence as there had been no other jobs for long enough. He advised that he had been in touch with taxi companies in the area and they confirmed they were looking for additional drivers.

As Sgt Wilson had no questions the Chair invited him to speak on behalf of the representation made by Police Scotland.

Police

Sgt Wilson advised that Police Scotland had no objections to this Application and that the representation made was to confirm the Applicant's previous convictions which had been disclosed in his Application form.

As Mr MacKenzie had no questions the Chair invited questions from Members.

Members' Questions

Councillor Currie sought and received clarification from Sgt Wilson on what the Customs and Excise Management Offence related to.

Councillor Colville sought and received assurance from Mr MacKenzie that he no longer had any involvement with drugs.

The Chair invited Sgt Wilson and Mr MacKenzie to sum up and they both confirmed that they had nothing further to add.

Decision

Agreed to grant Mr MacKenzie a Taxi Driver's Licence.

(Reference: Report by Head of Governance and Law, submitted)