MINUTES of MEETING of PLANNING, PROTECTIVE SERVICES AND LICENSING COMMITTEE held BY MICROSOFT TEAMS on FRIDAY, 16 FEBRUARY 2024

Present: Councillor Kieron Green (Chair)

Councillor John Armour Councillor Andrew Kain
Councillor Jan Brown Councillor Liz McCabe
Councillor Amanda Hampsey Councillor Dougie Philand
Councillor Graham Hardie Councillor Peter Wallace

Councillor Mark Irvine

Attending: Stuart McLean, Committee Manager

Katie Clanahan, Solicitor

Alison MacLeod, Licensing Standards Officer Pamela Fraser, Licensing Team Leader

Andrea Winkler, Applicant

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Councillors Audrey Forrest, Daniel Hampsey and Paul Donald Kennedy.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest intimated.

3. CIVIC GOVERNMENT (SCOTLAND) ACT 1982, THE CIVIC GOVERNMENT (SCOTLAND) ACT 1982 (LICENSING OF SHORT-TERM LETS) ORDER 2022: APPLICATION FOR GRANT OF A SHORT TERM LET LICENCE

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting. In line with recent legislation for Civic Government Hearings, the parties (and any representatives) were given the options for participating in the meeting today. The options available were by video call, by audio call or by written submission. For this hearing the Applicant opted to proceed by way of video call and Andrea Winkler joined the meeting by MS Teams.

The Objector chose not to join the meeting.

The Chair outlined the procedure that would be followed and invited the Licensing Standards Officer to speak to the terms of the report.

The Chair then invited the Applicant to speak in support of her application.

APPLICANT

The Committee heard from Ms Winker that she had provided all the information in response to the Objector's concerns and had nothing new to add and was happy to take any questions.

QUESTIONS FROM APPLICANT

There were no questions from the Applicant.

MEMBERS' QUESTIONS

There were no questions from the Members.

SUMMING UP

APPLICANT

Ms Winkler advised that as the Objectors main issue was building security she was exploring the possibility of installing a front and back door security system and that she was happy to repair any damage to the communal areas caused by her guests.

When asked, Ms Winkler agreed that she had received a fair hearing.

DEBATE

Councillor Brown said that Ms Winkler had taken a number of precautions and the matter of anti-social behaviour very seriously, adding that as the Objector had not come along to air his grievances she was minded to recommend that the licence be granted.

Councillor McCabe agreed with Councillor Brown and wished Ms Winkler luck.

Councillor Green concurred with the member's points and proposed that the Committee grant permission to the application subject to the conditions relative to antisocial behaviour; privacy and security; noise control in flatted premises and littering and waste disposal.

DECISION

The Committee unanimously agreed to grant a short-let licence to Andrea Winkler subject to the mandatory conditions and additional conditions detailed at paragraph 6 of the report.

It was noted that the Applicant would receive written communication of this within 7 days.

(Reference: Report by Head of Legal and Regulatory Support, submitted)