

MINUTES of MEETING of PLANNING, PROTECTIVE SERVICES AND LICENSING COMMITTEE
held in the COUNCIL CHAMBER, KILMORY, LOCHGILPHEAD
on WEDNESDAY, 18 MAY 2011

Present: Councillor Daniel Kelly (Chair)

Councillor Rory Colville	Councillor Alister MacAlister
Councillor Robin Currie	Councillor Neil Mackay
Councillor Vivien Dance	Councillor Donald MacMillan
Councillor Mary-Jean Devon	Councillor Roderick McCuish
Councillor David Kinniburgh	Councillor Alex McNaughton
Councillor Bruce Marshall	Councillor James McQueen

Attending: Charles Reppke, Head of Governance and Law
Graeme Forrester, Solicitor
Mr Docherty, Applicant

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Chalmers and Councillor Reay.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor McAlister declared a non-financial interest in relation to the application by Mr Docherty for a Taxi Car Driver's Licence on the basis that he is the holder of a taxi car licence. He left the room during discussion of the item and accordingly took no part in the decision making.

3. CIVIC GOVERNMENT (SCOTLAND) ACT 1982: APPLICATION FOR GRANT OF A TAXI DRIVER'S LICENCE: MR JAMES DOCHERTY, CLYDEBANK

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting, invited Members of the Committee to introduce themselves and outlined the procedure that would be followed during the meeting.

Applicant

Mr Docherty introduced himself. He advised that he was applying for the licence as a friend had given him the opportunity to work a few shifts driving taxis. He advised that currently he was an ice cream vendor, that work was very slow and that he wanted to try something else. Mr Docherty gave a background to the convictions that he had and advised that he regretted his actions. He advised that since the incident he had received counselling. Mr Docherty advised that his partner had written a letter of support for his application. The letter was circulated amongst Members.

Objectors

There were no objectors present.

Questions

Councillor Dance asked Mr Docherty for confirmation that he had been offered work by a friend and asked for details of the shifts. Mr Docherty confirmed that he had been offered shifts on Friday, Saturday and Sunday by a friend.

Sum Up

Mr Docherty advised that he had nothing further to add.

The Chair asked Mr Docherty to confirm that he had received a fair hearing. Mr Docherty confirmed that this was the case.

Decision

The Committee agreed to grant the application with formal notification in writing from the Head of Governance and Law being issued within 7 days.

(Reference: Report by Head of Governance and Law dated May 2011 and Appendices, submitted)