

MINUTES of MEETING of PLANNING, PROTECTIVE SERVICES AND LICENSING COMMITTEE
held in the COUNCIL CHAMBER, KILMORY, LOCHGILPHEAD
on WEDNESDAY, 18 JANUARY 2012

Present: Councillor Daniel Kelly (Chair)

Councillor Gordon Chalmers	Councillor Neil Mackay
Councillor Robin Currie	Councillor Roderick McCuish
Councillor Vivien Dance	Councillor Alex McNaughton
Councillor Mary-Jean Devon	Councillor James McQueen
Councillor David Kinniburgh	Councillor Al Reay

Attending: Charles Reppke, Head of Governance and Law
Graeme Forrester, Solicitor
Mr D Bloomfield, Applicant
Inspector D Armstrong, Strathclyde Police

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were intimated from Councillors Rory Colville, Donald MacMillan, Alister McAlister and Bruce Marshall.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None declared.

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

The Chair introduced himself and invited those present at the meeting to do likewise and then outlined the procedure that would be followed.

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

Applicant

Mr Bloomfield advised that apart from one conviction for an attempted offence over 10 years ago he was of good character. He advised that he had not included this conviction on his application form as he had not realised that he should have. He referred to there being no guidance note that accompanied the application form to advise on the types of convictions that are considered live and unable ever to be spent and that would have to be declared on the application form. He advised that he had filled out the form to the best of his ability and that he was certainly not a threat to members of the public.

The Chair invited the Police to ask the Applicant questions and Inspector Armstrong confirmed that he had no questions.

The Chair then invited Inspector Armstrong to speak.

Police

Inspector Armstrong referred to Strathclyde Police's observation that the

Applicant had not declared his conviction of fraud dated 23 November 2011 on his application form and that a report on this had been submitted to the Procurator Fiscal. He confirmed that there were no other convictions against the Applicant and noted that the Procurator Fiscal would be taking no further action.

The Chair invited the Applicant to question the Police and Mr Bloomfield confirmed that he had no questions.

The Chair then invited Members to ask the Applicant and the Police questions.

Members' Questions

Councillor Chalmers referred to the difficulties the Applicant had with filling out the application form which he felt needed some revision.

Councillor Kelly advised that discussions were ongoing with licensing staff and that this had been dealt with.

Councillor Chalmers asked Inspector Armstrong if he had any other concerns regarding the Applicant and Inspector Armstrong replied that he had no further observations to make.

The Chair then invited the Police and Applicant to sum up and they both confirmed that they had nothing further to add.

The Chair invited the Applicant and the Police to confirm that they had received a fair hearing and both confirmed that this had been the case.

Decision

It was unanimously agreed to grant a Taxi Driver's Licence to Mr Bloomfield.

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