

**MINUTES of MEETING of PLANNING, PROTECTIVE SERVICES AND LICENSING COMMITTEE
held in the COUNCIL CHAMBER, KILMORY, LOCHGILPHEAD
on WEDNESDAY, 17 OCTOBER 2012**

Present: Councillor Sandy Taylor (Chair)

Councillor Rory Colville	Councillor Alex McNaughton
Councillor Robin Currie	Councillor James McQueen
Councillor David Kinniburgh	Councillor Richard Trail
Councillor Donald MacMillan	

Attending: Iain Jackson, Governance Officer
Graeme Forrester, Solicitor
Mr McKinven, Applicant
Mr McLardy, Applicant's representative

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were intimated from Councillors Mary-Jean Devon and Fred Hall.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None declared.

3. CIVIC GOVERNMENT (SCOTLAND) ACT 1982: APPLICATION FOR WINDOW CLEANER'S LICENCE (W. MCKINVEN, LOCHGILPHEAD)

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

Mr McKinven sought and received clarification on why this Hearing was being held.

Applicant

Mr McKinven advised that he had applied for this Window Cleaner's licence as he wanted to be able to work to support his family and that he had recently moved into a new flat.

Mr McLardy advised that Mr McKinven previously did a scaffolding job and was now helping him clean windows. He advised that in the past people have worked for him on a short term basis and that he was looking to employ someone that would be able to take over from him in the future when he retired. He advised that Mr McKinven was keen to work as a window cleaner in the long term, that he was a great window cleaner, got on well with customers and that he was tough which you needed to be especially working during the winter months. He referred to Mr McKinven's previous convictions which related to domestic incidents which, in his opinion, did not relate to his work as a window cleaner. He advised that he needed someone who worked well with customers and that

Mr McKinven was the type of person he would like to work with.

The Chair invited Members to ask questions.

Members' Questions

Councillor McNaughton queried the home address of Mr McKinven as the address given in the Application was different to the address given by the Police in their letter of representation. Mr McKinven advised that he had been between addresses and that one address was his mother's and one was his grandmother's.

Councillor McNaughton asked Mr McKinven to confirm which address he currently resided at. Mr McKinven confirmed that he had recently moved into a new flat and advised of his new address.

Councillor Currie advised that this Application was very straightforward and that the licence should be granted. He sought clarification on whether or not Mr McKinven was currently working as a window cleaner. It was confirmed that Mr McKinven had been working as an unlicensed window cleaner but had since stopped.

Councillor Trail asked Mr McKinven if he had previously held a window cleaner's licence and he replied no.

Councillor MacMillan asked Mr McLardy if he would be working with Mr McKinven for a while to make sure he knew all about the business of working as a window cleaner and Mr McLardy confirmed that he would.

Decision

Agreed to grant a Window Cleaner's Licence to Mr McKinven. It was confirmed to Mr McKinven that the licence would be issued in 28 days time provided no Appeal on this decision was made to the Sheriff Court by the Police and that Mr McKinven would not be licensed to work as window cleaner during this 28 day period.

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