

**MINUTES of MEETING of PLANNING, PROTECTIVE SERVICES AND LICENSING COMMITTEE
held in the COUNCIL CHAMBER, KILMORY, LOCHGILPHEAD
on WEDNESDAY, 19 DECEMBER 2012**

Present: Councillor Sandy Taylor (Chair)

Councillor Gordon Blair	Councillor David Kinniburgh
Councillor Rory Colville	Councillor Alistair MacDougall
Councillor Robin Currie	Councillor Donald MacMillan
Councillor Fred Hall	Councillor Richard Trail

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

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were intimated from Councillors Mary-Jean Devon, George Freeman, Alex McNaughton and James McQueen.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None declared.

3. CIVIC GOVERNMENT (SCOTLAND) ACT 1982: APPLICATION FOR RENEWAL OF TAXI DRIVER'S LICENCE (A GALLACHER, DUNOON)

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.

Applicant

Mr Gallacher advised that he has been driving for over 40 years and that he has only received 2 convictions in this time and that both of these were during 2011. He advised that one was for speaking on his mobile phone and the other was for speeding and he explained the circumstances regarding both of these. He advised that in his job as a post man for 30 years and as a part time taxi driver before that he had no blemishes on his licence. He confirmed that he currently works as a taxi driver on a part time basis 4 days a week and was seeking a renewal of his taxi driver licence.

The Chair invited Members to ask questions.

Members' Questions

Councillor Trail asked Mr Gallacher if he had a hands free kit in his car and Mr Gallacher replied no and that he mainly used his phone to keep in touch with his grandchildren.

Councillor MacDougall asked if it was an offence to answer the taxi radio whilst driving. Mr Reppke confirmed that it was.

Decision

Agreed to the renewal of Mr Gallacher's Taxi Driver's Licence.

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