

**MINUTES of MEETING of PLANNING, PROTECTIVE SERVICES AND LICENSING COMMITTEE**  
**held in the COUNCIL CHAMBERS, KILMORY, LOCHGILPHEAD**  
**on MONDAY, 25 FEBRUARY 2013**

**Present:** Councillor Sandy Taylor (Chair)

Councillor Rory Colville	Councillor Robert G MacIntyre
Councillor Robin Currie	Councillor Donald MacMillan
Councillor Fred Hall	Councillor Alex McNaughton
Councillor Alistair MacDougall	Councillor Richard Trail

**Attending:** Charles Reppke, Head of Governance and Law  
Graeme Forrester, Solicitor  
Kate Connelly, Trainee Solicitor  
Inspector Harper, Strathclyde Police  
Mr Tolmie, Applicant

**1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Blair, Devon, Freeman, Kinniburgh and McQueen.

**2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest intimated.

**3. CIVIC GOVERNMENT (SCOTLAND) ACT 1982: APPLICATION FOR GRANT OF TAXI DRIVER'S LICENCE (S TOLMIE, CAMPBELTOWN)**

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 Tolmie advised that he was applying because he was currently unemployed. He advised that in December 2008 he had been convicted of drink driving. He advised that it had been the biggest mistake of his life and that he had never driven a car drunk before this incident or since this incident. He added that this one moment of madness had ruined his life.

Inspector Harper had no questions.

Inspector advised that the Chief Constable's representation was on the grounds of the applicant's conviction relating to drunk driving for which he had received a £400 fine and a 12 month driving ban.

Mr Tolmie had no questions for Inspector Harper.

Councillor Robert Graham MacIntyre asked for clarification on why the applicant's conviction would remain unspent. Inspector Harper advised that due to the type of conviction and the fact that the applicant would be coming into

contact with the public, the conviction would always remain unspent for this type of application.

The Chair invited both parties to sum up.

Inspector Harper advised that the representation by Strathclyde Police was due to the drink driving conviction on the applicant's previous history.

Mr Tolmie advised that it had been one moment of madness and the licence would be a fresh start and an opportunity to build his life up again.

The Chair asked both parties to confirm that they had received a fair hearing to which they confirmed that they had.

Councillor Colville advised that he understood why the application was before the Committee but that he had no problem in supporting the application.

### **Decision**

The Committee unanimously agreed to grant the application for a taxi driver's licence for a period of 3 years.

(Reference: Report by Head of Governance and Law dated February 2013, submitted)