LICENSING COMMITTEE

ABERDEEN, 13 January, 2010. - Minute of Meeting of the LICENSING COMMITTEE. <u>Present</u>: - Councillor Reynolds, <u>Convener</u>; and Councillors Boulton, Cassie, Clark, Corall, Donnelly (substituting for Milne), Dunbar, Kiddie and Kirsty West.

Apologies for Absence: Councillors Collie, Hunter and John Stewart.

MINUTE OF MEETING OF 02 DECEMBER 2009

1. The Committee had before it the minute of 02 December 2009.

The Committee resolved:-

to approve the minute.

MINUTE OF THE SPORTS GROUND ADVISORY WORKING GROUP OF 08 OCTOBER 2009

2. The Committee had before it the minute of the Sports Ground Advisory Working Group.

The Committee resolved:-

to note the minute.

COMMITTEE BUSINESS STATEMENT

3. With reference to item 1 of the business statement Brenda Flaherty, Legal Manager, advised the Committee that due to pressure of business, the requested report could not be provided for this meeting but would come before the Committee at its meeting to be held on 24 February 2010.

INFORMAL BUSINESS

4. The Committee had before it the business dealt with informally since 28 October 2009.

The Committee resolved:-

to note the informal business.

APPLICATIONS FOR GRANT, RENEWAL OR VARIATION OF LICENCES – LIST OF APPLICATIONS

5. The Committee had before it, for its consideration, the applications listed in appendix A to this minute.

The Committee resolved:-

that all applications be determined on the basis shown in appendix A and that all licences be subject to the Council's normal conditions unless otherwise stated.

AGE DISCRIMINATION

6. The Committee had before it, for its consideration, a report on age discrimination in respect of taxi drivers aged 65 years and over.

The report looked into the current practice, whereby all taxi and private hire car drivers, aged 65 years or over, are required to submit a letter or certificate from their doctor, confirming fitness to continue the duties of a taxi driver. The report recommended that members revoke the current practice requiring all drivers aged 65 years or over to submit an annual medical report on their fitness to hold a taxi or private hire car drivers licence.

The Committee resolved:-

to approve the recommendation.

APPLICATIONS FOR GRANT RENEWAL OR VARIATION OF LICENCES – LIST OF APPLICATIONS TO BE HEARD IN CONFIDENCE

7. The Committee had before it, for its consideration, the application listed in appendix B to this minute.

EXEMPT INFORMATION

The Committee resolved in relation to item 4(1) that members of the public and press be excluded from the meeting during discussion of the application on the grounds that there would be disclosure to them of exempt information as defined in paragraph 14 of Schedule 7(A) to the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973.

- COUNCILLOR JOHN REYNOLDS, Convener.

APPENDIX A

1. APPLICATION FOR THE RENEWAL OF A LICENCE FOR A HOUSE IN MULTIPLE OCCUPATION

Application Ref No. 2/001

<u>Premises – 86 Hilton Heights, Aberdeen</u>

The Committee was advised that the application had been granted by delegated powers.

2. APPLICATION FOR THE RENEWAL OF A LICENCE FOR A HOUSE IN MULTIPLE OCCUPATION

Application Ref No. 2/002

<u>Premises – 16 Bedford Road, Aberdeen</u>

The Committee heard from Alastair Thain, Private Sector Housing Manager, that all the outstanding works were complete but that the relevant certificates had still to be submitted.

The Committee resolved:-

to give delegated powers to grant the application provided the certificates were submitted.

3. APPLICATION FOR THE GRANT OF A LICENCE FOR A HOUSE IN MULTIPLE OCCUPATION

Application Ref No. 2/003

Premises – 4 Hawthorn Crescent, Aberdeen

The Committee was advised that the application had been granted by delegated powers.

4. APPLICATION FOR THE RENEWAL OF A LICENCE FOR A HOUSE IN MULTIPLE OCCUPATION

Application Ref No. 2/004

Premises – 479 King Street, Aberdeen

The Committee heard from Alastair Thain, Private Sector Housing Manager that there were still outstanding works to be completed.

The Committee resolved:-

to give delegated powers to grant the application once the works were completed.

5. APPLICATION FOR THE RENEWAL OF A LICENCE FOR A HOUSE IN MULTIPLE OCCUPATION

Application Ref No. 2/005

Premises - 34D Sunnybank Road, Aberdeen

The Committee was advised that the application had been granted by delegated powers.

6. APPLICATION FOR THE RENEWAL OF A LICENCE FOR A HOUSE IN MULTIPLE OCCUPATION

Application Ref No. 2/006

Premises - 109 Craigievar Crescent, Aberdeen

The Committee was advised by Alastair Thain, Private Sector Housing Manager, that the letter of objection had been withdrawn. Thereafter the Committee heard from Ryan Openshaw, Solicitor, on behalf of the applicant.

The Committee resolved:-

to give delegated powers to grant the application once the outstanding works were complete.

7. APPLICATION FOR THE GRANT OF A LICENCE FOR A HOUSE IN MULTIPLE OCCUPATION

Application Ref No. 2/007

Premises - 59 Victoria Street, Aberdeen

The Committee was advised that this item had been deferred from December because the objector was unable to appear. The Committee heard from Morag Adams, Bruce and Partners, on behalf of the objector. Thereafter the Committee heard from Margaret Duffus on behalf of the applicant.

The Committee resolved:-

to give delegated powers to grant the application once the outstanding works were complete.

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8. APPLICATION FOR THE RENEWAL OF A STREET TRADER (HOT FOOD) LICENCE

Application Ref No. 2/008

Site - Cloverhill Road, west side, 65 metres south of Broadfold Road

The Committee was advised that the application had been granted by delegated powers.

9. APPLICATION FOR THE RENEWAL OF A STREET TRADER (GENERAL) LICENCE

<u>Application Ref No. 2/009</u> Site – City of Aberdeen except zone 9

The Committee was advised that the application had been granted by delegated powers.

10. APPLICATION FOR THE GRANT OF A STREET TRADER (HOT FOOD) LICENCE

Application Ref No. 2/010

<u>Site - Wellheads Crescent, Dyce, west side, 65 metres north of Wellheads Way</u>

The Committee was advised that the application was before it because it was a new trading site.

The Committee resolved:-

to grant the application.

11. APPLICATION FOR THE GRANT OF SKIN PIERCING/TATTOOING LICENCE

Application Ref No. 2/011

Premises - Temple Aesthetics, 9 The Courtyard, Cults, Aberdeen

The Committee was advised that this application had been deferred from the meeting of 02 December 2009 to allow the applicant to submit confirmation that a notice had been displayed at the premises. No such confirmation has been forthcoming and in the absence of the applicant

The Committee resolved:-

to defer consideration of the application one final time to its meeting to be held on 24 February 2010.

12. APPLICATION FOR THE RENEWAL OF A WINDOW CLEANERS LICENCE

Application Ref No 2/012

The Committee was advised that the application was before it because the applicant had not submitted a copy of his insurance certificate. In the absence of the applicant

The Committee resolved to:-

defer consideration of the application to its meeting to be held on 24 February 2010.

13. APPLICATION FOR THE GRANT OF A THEATRE LICENCE Application Ref No 2/013

<u>Premises – Harlaw Academy, Albyn Place, Aberdeen</u>

The Committee was advised that the application had been granted by delegated powers.

14. APPLICATION FOR THE GRANT OF A BOOKING OFFICE LICENCE Application Ref No 2/014

<u>Premises – Computer Cab (Aberdeen) Limited, Burnside Drive, Dyce, Aberdeen</u>

The Committee heard from KK Lam, Computer Cab (Aberdeen) Ltd and thereafter

The Committee resolved:-

to defer consideration of the application to its meeting to be held on 24 February 2010.

15. APPLICATION FOR THE GRANT OF A BOOKING OFFICE LICENCE Application Ref No 2/015

Premises - Don Cabs, Silverburn Crescent, Aberdeen

The Committee resolved:-

to defer consideration of the application to its meeting to be held on 24 February 2010.

16. APPLICATION FOR THE GRANT OF A BOOKING OFFICE LICENCE Application Ref No 2/016

<u>Premises – Dyce Cabs, 256 Linkfleet Business Centre, Bankhead Industrial Estate, Aberdeen</u>

The Committee resolved:-

to defer consideration of the application to its meeting to be held on 24 February 2010.

APPENDIX B

APPLICATION FOR THE RENEWAL OF A TAXI DRIVER LICENCE Application Ref No. 4/001

The Committee was advised that the applicant was currently on holiday and had requested that consideration of the application be deferred.

The Committee resolved:-

to defer consideration of the application to its meeting to be held on 24 February, 2010.