MINUTES of MEETING of PLANNING, PROTECTIVE SERVICES AND LICENSING COMMITTEE held BY MICROSOFT TEAMS on TUESDAY, 6 AUGUST 2024

Present: Councillor Kieron Green (Chair)

Councillor Graham Hardie
Councillor Fiona Howard
Councillor Andrew Kain

Councillor Dougie Philand Councillor Peter Wallace

Attending: Shona Barton,

Shona Barton, Governance Manager

Alison MacLeod, Licensing Standards Officer

Katie Clanahan, Solicitor

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors John Armour, Gordon Blair, Jan Brown, Audrey Forrest, Daniel Hampsey, Mark Irvine, Paul Kennedy and Liz McCabe.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

3. CIVIC GOVERNMENT (SCOTLAND) ACT 1982: THE CIVIC GOVERNMENT (SCOTLAND) ACT 1982 (LICENSING OF SHORT-TERM LETS) ORDER 2022: APPLICATION FOR GRANT OF A SHORT-TERM LET LICENCE (M DOWNIE, FLAT 2/1, 7 ARGYLL TERRACE, KIRN, DUNOON)

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting. In line with recent legislation for Civic Government Hearings, the parties (and any representatives) were given the options for participating in the meeting today. The options available were by video call, by audio call or by written submission.

For this hearing it was noted that the Applicant would not be in attendance.

It was also noted that Patricia Murray, Objector, would not be in attendance, as her objection had been resolved.

Janice McIlwraith, Objector, opted to proceed by way of written submission and a copy of this was contained within supplementary agenda pack 1 issued on 5 August 2024 and was considered by Members as part of their deliberations.

The Chair invited the Licensing Standards Officer to speak to the terms of the report and thereafter the procedure set out in Appendix 7 of the report was followed.

In the absence of the Applicant and Objectors, the Chair invited debate from Members.

DEBATE

Councillor Hardie said he would be happy to grant this licence and noted that one of the Objectors had had her issues resolved.

Councillor Philand confirmed that he would also be happy to grant the licence.

Councillor Howard sought and received confirmation from the Licensing Standards Officer that it would be listed on the licence that the maximum occupancy would be 2 people.

Councillor Howard said she would be happy to grant the licence.

Councillor Green advised that he appreciated the points raised by the Objector and commented that there would always be conflicts with neighbours especially in flatted properties, and that was why there were conditions to attach to the licence and those conditions should adequately deal with the issues raised by the Objector. He noted that the other Objector had withdrawn their objections and said he could see no reason to refuse this application.

DECISION

The Committee agreed to grant a short-term let licence to Ms Downie subject to the inclusion of additional conditions in respect of Antisocial Behaviour; Privacy and Security; Noise Control in Flatted Premises; Littering and Waste Disposal; and Damage to Property.

(Reference: Report by Head of Legal and Regulatory Support and written submission from Objector, submitted)