

**MINUTES of MEETING of PLANNING, PROTECTIVE SERVICES AND LICENSING
COMMITTEE held BY MICROSOFT TEAMS on WEDNESDAY, 18 SEPTEMBER 2024**

Present: Councillor Kieron Green (Chair)

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| Councillor John Armour | Councillor Fiona Howard |
| Councillor Gordon Blair | Councillor Andrew Kain |
| Councillor Jan Brown | Councillor Dougie Philand |
| Councillor Graham Hardie | |

Attending: Stuart McLean, Committee Manager
Fiona Macdonald, Solicitor
David Brown, Applicant
Sergeant Ben Rushden, Police Scotland

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Audrey Forrest, Amanda Hampsey, Daniel Hampsey, Mark Irvine, Paul Kennedy, Liz McCabe and Peter Wallace.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

3. CIVIC GOVERNMENT (SCOTLAND) ACT 1982: APPLICATION FOR RENEWAL OF A TAXI DRIVERS LICENCE (D BROWN, 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 the Applicant opted to proceed by way of audio call and Mr Brown joined the meeting by telephone.

Police Scotland also opted to proceed by way of audio call and Sergeant Ben Rushden joined the meeting by telephone.

The hearing procedure was followed with the Committee hearing from both the Applicant and Police Scotland and receiving responses to their various questions.

Motion

To agree to continue consideration of this application and hold a fresh hearing in 3 months time to give the Applicant the opportunity to reflect on concerns raised by the Committee at this meeting.

Moved by Councillor Gordon Blair, seconded by Councillor John Armour.

Amendment

To refuse to grant the renewal of the taxi driver licence on the grounds that the Applicant was not a fit and proper person to hold the licence.

Moved by Councillor Kieron Green, seconded by Councillor Graham Hardie.

A vote was taken by calling the roll.

Motion

Amendment

Councillor Armour
Councillor Blair
Councillor Brown
Councillor Howard
Councillor Kain
Councillor Philand

Councillor Green
Councillor Hardie

The Motion was carried by 6 votes to 2 and the Committee resolved according.

DECISION

The Committee agreed to continue consideration of this application and hold a fresh hearing in 3 months time to allow the Applicant to reflect on concerns raised by the Committee at this meeting.

(Reference: Report by Head of Legal and Regulatory Support, submitted)