

ANGUS COUNCIL

MINUTE of HYBRID MEETING of the **CIVIC LICENSING COMMITTEE** held in the Town and County Hall, Forfar on Thursday 18 May 2023 at 11.35am.

Present: Councillors GEORGE MEECHAN, LLOYD MELVILLE, KENNY BRAES, LINDA CLARK, GAVIN NICOL, JILL SCOTT and BETH WHITESIDE.

Councillor MEECHAN, Convener, in the Chair.

Prior to the commencement of business, the Convener advised that Craig Easson, Service Leader – Environmental and Consumer Protection was retiring from the Council and on behalf of the Committee, he paid tribute to his commitment and support, and wished him well in his retirement.

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Councillors Brenda Durno and Craig Fotheringham.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND STATEMENTS OF TRANSPARENCY

There were no declarations of interest or statements of transparency made.

3. MINUTE OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minute of meeting of this Committee of 23 March 2023 was approved as correct record and signed by the Convener.

4. DELEGATED APPROVALS

There was submitted Report No 143/23 by the Director of Legal and Democratic Services detailing applications for licences under the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982 and other miscellaneous Acts which had been granted/renewed by the Director of Legal and Democratic Services in accordance with the Scheme of Delegation appended to Standing Orders.

The Committee agreed to note the applications detailed in the Appendix to the Report, which had been granted/renewed under delegated powers during the period 1 March 2023 to 21 April 2023.

At this stage, Councillor Braes sought clarity in terms of agenda item 5 in relation to the confidential information particularly related to agenda item no. 6, and in response, the Clerk provided an update.

5. EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS

The Committee resolved that the public and press be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following items, so as to avoid disclosing confidential information in terms of Section 50A(2) and (3)(b) to the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973.

6. RENEWAL APPLICATION - RESIDENTIAL CARAVAN SITE – WOODLEY CARAVAN PARK, ARBROATH

With reference to Article 5 of the minute of meeting of this Committee of 10 November 2022, there was submitted Report No 144/23 by the Director of Legal and Democratic Services regarding an application received for the renewal of a residential caravan site licence under the Caravan Sites and Control of Development Act 1960 which required to be determined by the Committee.

It was noted that an application had been received for renewal of licence number AC/05/2019, a residential caravan site licence, from Lido Leisure Parks Limited in respect of Woodley Caravan Park, By Arbroath, DD11 2QJ. The maximum number of caravans proposed to be stationed at any one time for the purposes of residential use was 43. The current licence, site plan/drawings of Woodley Caravan Park were attached as **Appendix 1** to the Report.

Mr Martin Bonner, Savills, agent for Lido Leisure Park, also accompanied by the applicant, addressed the Committee and answered questions.

Mr Easson, Service Leader, Environmental and Consumer Protection also addressed the Committee.

The Committee agreed to grant the renewal application.

7. APPLICATION FOR ENTRY INTO THE REGISTER OF LANDLORDS (RL3)

There was submitted Report No 145/23 by the Director of Vibrant Communities and Sustainable Growth regarding an application (RL3) received for entry in the register of Landlords held by the Council under the Antisocial Behaviour etc (Scotland) Act 2004.

It was noted that the applicant was not present.

The Committee agreed that the application be deferred to the Special Meeting on 20 June 2023, to allow the applicant to attend.

8. RENEWAL APPLICATION

There was submitted Report No 146/23 by the Director of Legal and Democratic Services regarding an application received for the renewal of a licence under the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982 and other miscellaneous Acts which required to be determined by the Committee, as detailed in the Appendix to the Report.

(a) Taxi Driver's Licence (TD103)

The Committee considered a letter of representation received from Police Scotland dated 18 April 2023 in relation to an application for the renewal of a Taxi Driver's licence (TD103) received on 6 April 2023.

The applicant was present and addressed the Committee.

Constable Jamieson, Police Scotland, then addressed the Committee on the contents of the letter from Police Scotland dated 18 April 2023. Members then asked the applicant a number of questions.

The applicant then summed up.

The Committee agreed that the application be renewed.

9. CURRENT LICENCE HOLDER– LETTER OF COMPLAINT

There was submitted Report No 147/23 by the Director of Legal and Democratic presenting a letter requesting the suspension of a Taxi Drivers Licence which has been received in connection with a current licence holder under the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982 ("the 1982 Act") which required to be considered by the Committee, as detailed in the Appendix to the Report.

(a) Taxi Drivers licence (TD 104)

The Committee considered the contents of a letter received from Police Scotland dated 22 March 2023, in relation to a Taxi Driver's licence (TD104).

The licence holder was present and addressed the Committee.

Constable Jamieson, Police Scotland, then addressed the Committee on the contents of the letter from Police Scotland dated 22 March 2023. Members then asked the applicant a number of questions.

The licence holder then summed up.

The Committee agreed to note the letter of complaint and advised the licence holder that the information may be reconsidered by the Committee should any further information be submitted.

10. NEW APPLICATIONS

There was submitted Report No 148/23 by the Director of Legal and Democratic Services regarding an application received for a new licence under the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982 which required to be determined by the Committee, as detailed in the Appendix to the Report.

(a) Taxi Driver's Licence (TD105)

The Committee considered a letter of representation received from Police Scotland dated 4 May 2023, in relation to an application for a Taxi Driver's licence (TD105) received on 28 April 2023.

The applicant and his representative were present. The applicant's representative addressed the Committee.

At this stage, the meeting was adjourned to allow members to be sighted on an email referred to in the representative's submission which had not been circulated to members previously.

Constable Jamieson, Police Scotland, then addressed the Committee on the contents of the letter from Police Scotland dated 4 May 2023. Members then asked the applicant and their representative a number of questions.

The applicant's representative then summed up.

The Committee agreed that the application be granted subject to the standard conditions and for the applicant to complete and pass the relevant knowledge test.