

**GENERAL PURPOSES BOARD – 13 JUNE 2012**

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**Wednesday 13 June 2012 at 3.00 pm**

**Present:** Councillors Ahlfeld, Brennan, Campbell-Sturgess, Dorrian, Jones, Loughran, McColgan, MacLeod, Rebecchi and Provost Moran.

**Chair:** Councillor Dorrian presided.

**In attendance:** Mr F Jarvie (for Head of Legal & Democratic Services) and Inspector Thomson and Sergeant McDonald, Strathclyde Police.

**The following paragraphs are submitted for information only, having been dealt with under the powers delegated to the Board.**

**349 Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest**

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Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Councillors Grieve, McEleny and McIlwee with Councillor MacLeod substituting for Councillor McEleny and Provost Moran substituting for Councillor McIlwee.

Councillor MacLeod declared an interest in Agenda Item 5 (Application for Taxi Driver's Licence – Laurence Gillespie).

Councillor Ahlfeld declared an interest in Agenda Item 6 and 8 (Application for Taxi Driver's Licence – David Harron and Application for Taxi Driver's Licence – Linda McGhee)

**350 Theatres Act 1958**

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**Application for Theatre Licence**

**Former Orangefield Baptist Church, (to become Arts & Drama Centre) Orangefield Place, Greenock**

There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal and Democratic Services on an application for the grant of a Theatre Licence by Angela Varty for premises at the former Orangefield Baptist Church, Orangefield Place, Greenock.

Mr Jarvie advised the Board that although planning permission has been granted, the premises are not complete for the immediate grant of the Theatre Licence applied for.

Mr Tomlinson, Neill Clerk & Murray, was present representing the applicant.

The Board heard Mr Tomlinson in support of the applicant.

**Decided:** that delegated authority be remitted to the Head of Legal and Democratic Services to grant the application subject to Completion Certificate being issued by Building Standards.

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It was agreed in terms of Section 50(A)(4) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 as amended that the public and press be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following items on the grounds that the business involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 6 of Part I of Schedule 7(A) of the Act.

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**Application for Taxi Driver's Licence: Marsali Jack**

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There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal & Democratic Services on an application for grant of a Taxi Driver's Licence by Ms Jack following a representation by Strathclyde Police.

Ms Jack was not present or represented.

The Board heard Inspector Thomson in support of the Police representation.

**Decided:** that the application be refused.

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**Application for Taxi Driver's Licence: Andrew Pudsey**

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There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal & Democratic Services on an application for grant of a Taxi Driver's Licence by Mr Pudsey following an objection by Strathclyde Police.

Mr Pudsey was not present or represented.

The Board heard Inspector Thomson in support of the Police objection.

**Decided:** that the application be refused.

Councillor MacLeod declared a non-financial interest in the next item as he is known to the applicant which precluded his continued presence in the Chamber and his participation in the decision making process. He then left the meeting.

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**Application for Taxi Driver's Licence: Laurence Gillespie**

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There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal and Democratic Services on an application for grant of a Taxi Driver's Licence by Mr Gillespie following a Police representation.

Mr Gillespie was present.

The Board heard Inspector Thomson in support of the Police representation and Mr Gillespie in support of his application.

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**Decided:** that the application be granted.

Councillor MacLeod returned to the meeting following consideration of this item.

Councillor Ahlfeld declared a non-financial interest in the following item and took no part in the discussion or decision making process.

**354                    Application for Taxi Driver's Licence: David Harron                    354**

There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal and Democratic Services on an application for grant of a Taxi Driver's Licence by Mr Harron following a Police objection.

Mr Harron was not present or represented.

The Board heard Inspector Thomson in support of the Police objection.

**Decided:** that the application be refused.

**355                    Application for Taxi Driver's Licence: Daniel Little                    355**

There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal and Democratic Services on an application for renewal of a Taxi Driver's Licence by Mr Little following a Police representation.

Mr Little was not present or represented.

The Board heard Inspector Thomson in support of the Police representation and considered written submissions by Mr Little in support of his application.

**Decided:** that the application be granted with warning.

Councillor Ahlfeld declared a non-financial interest in the next item which precluded his continued presence in the Chamber and his participation in the decision making process. He then left the meeting.

**356                    Application for Taxi Driver's Licence: Linda McGhee                    356**

There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal and Democratic Services on an application for grant of a Taxi Driver's Licence by Ms McGhee following a Police objection.

Ms McGhee was present.

The Board heard Inspector Thomson in support of the Police objection and Ms

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McGhee in support of her application.

**Decided:** that the application be refused.

Councillor Ahlfeld returned to the meeting following consideration of this item.

**357 Request for Suspension of Taxi Driver's Licence: Joseph McLaughlan 357**

There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal and Democratic Services requesting to uphold the decision to suspend Mr McLaughlan's Taxi Driver's Licence which expired on 30 April 2012. Mr McLaughlan's licence was suspended with immediate effect on 8 May 2012 following receipt of a letter of complaint by Strathclyde Police.

Mr McLaughlan was present.

**Decided:** that the suspension be upheld.

**358 Application for Taxi Driver's Licence: Joseph McLaughlan 358**

There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal and Democratic Services on an application for renewal of a Taxi Driver's Licence by Mr McLaughlan following a Police objection.

Mr McLaughlan was present.

The Board heard Inspector Thomson in support of the Police objection and viewed CCTV footage supplied by Strathclyde Police.

The Board heard Mr McLaughlan in support of his application.

There followed a full discussion on the evidence shown and Mr McLaughlan's submissions.

**Decided:** that the application be granted with warning.

Inspector Thomson requested a Statement of Reasons on this item which was noted.

**359 Application for Street Trader's Licence: Remo Serapiglia 359**

There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal and Democratic Services on an application for grant of a Street Trader's Licence following receipt of a Police representation.

Mr Serapiglia was unable to attend the meeting and submitted a letter in support of his application on 6 June 2012 which was circulated to the Board.

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The Board heard Inspector Thomson who indicated that additional information had been received and sought the Board's view on providing this information.

After discussion the Board agreed that Mr Serapiglia should have the opportunity to have sight of this additional information.

**Decided:** that the application be continued to the next meeting of the Board.

**360****Application for Street Trader's Licence: Jaime Kayes****360**

There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal and Democratic Services on an application for grant of a Street Trader's Licence following receipt of a Police objection.

Ms Kayes was present.

The Board heard Inspector Thomson in support of the Police objection and Ms Kayes in support of her application.

**Decided:** that the application be granted.