

**REGULATORY PANEL**

Minutes of a hybrid webcast meeting of  
15 February 2024 at 10.00 a.m.

- Present in County Hall: Councillors Kenneth Bell (Chair), Alec Clark, Alan Lamont, Martin Kilbride and Duncan Townson.
- Present Remotely: Councillors Mark Dixon and Craig Mackay.
- Apologies: Councillors Ian Cavana and Mary Kilpatrick.
- Attending: K. Briggs, Service Lead – Legal and Licensing; L. McChristie, Co-ordinator (Licensing); C. Carroll, Co-ordinator (Housing Policy and Strategy); H. Talbot, Co-ordinator (Building Standards); D. Scobie, Civic Licensing Standards Officer; M. Wright, Fleet Officer; J. McClure, Committee Services Lead Officer; and C. McCallum, Committee Services Assistant.
- Also Attending: Inspector I. McColl, Police Scotland.

**Chair's Remarks**

The Chair

- (1) welcomed everyone to the meeting; and
- (2) outlined the procedures for conducting this meeting and advised that this meeting would be broadcast live.

**1. Sederunt and Declarations of Interest.**

The Co-ordinator (Licensing) called the Sederunt for the meeting and having called the roll, confirmed that there were no declarations of interest by Members of the Panel in terms of Council Standing Order No. 17 and the Councillors' Code of Conduct.

**2. Minutes of Previous Meeting**

The [minutes](#) of 18 January 2024 (issued) were submitted and approved.

**Variation in Order of Business**

In terms of Standing Order No. 13.3, the Panel agreed to vary the order of business as hereinafter minuted.

### 3. Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982 - Licences

#### (a) Short Term Lets

##### (i) 42 Churchill Tower, South Harbour Street, Ayr

The Panel heard from the Co-ordinator (Housing Policy and Strategy), from three of the objectors and from the applicant and his representative in relation to the above application.

The Panel

**Decided:** to approve this application subject to standard conditions as previously agreed.

##### (ii) Mount Freedom Cabins Drumshang Farm A719 from Smithy Bridge Dunure to Croy Brae, Dunure, South Ayrshire

The Panel heard from the Co-ordinator (Housing Policy and Strategy), from the Co-ordinator (Building Standards) and from the applicant's representative in relation to the above application.

The Panel

**Decided:** to approve this application subject to standard conditions as previously agreed; and subject to the following conditions:

- (1) the licence holder must take reasonable steps to provide the outstanding information requested by Building Standards in relation to their current Building Warrant Application (reference 23/00680/LBW);
- (2) once approval has been received for the Building Warrant Application, the licence holder must, apply to Building Standards for a Completion Certificate within three months; and
- (3) within a reasonable period of receipt of a Completion Certificate from Building Standards the licence holder will provide a copy of this to the Housing Policy and Strategy team.

#### **Adjournment**

The time being 11.30 a.m., the Panel adjourned for 10 minutes.

#### **Resumption of Meeting**

The meeting resumed at 11.40 a.m.

#### (b) Taxi Vehicle.

The Panel heard from the Civic Licensing Standards Officer, from the Fleet Officer and from the licence holder, Graeme Russell, in response in relation to the application from Ria Taxis Limited and Graeme Russell.

In terms of Standing Order No. 19.9, there was no general agreement to the unopposed motion to take no further action in relation to this matter, therefore, the Council moved to a vote for or against the Motion.

The Panel

**Decided:** by a majority, to take no further action in relation to this matter.

**Councillor Mackay left the meeting at this point.**

**(c) Private Hire Vehicles.**

The Panel heard from the Civic Licensing Standards Officer, from the Fleet Officer and from the licence holder, Stephen Martin, in response.

The Panel

**Decided:** to take no further action in relation to this matter.

**(d) Variation of a Second Hand Dealer Licence**

**CeX for 101-103 High Street, Ayr**

The Panel heard from Police Scotland and from the applicant's representative in response.

**Decided:** to refuse the application for variation of the Second Hand Dealer Licence

**4. Exclusion of press and public.**

The Panel resolved, in terms of Section 50A(4) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973, that the press and public be excluded from the following item, on the grounds that they involved the likely disclosure of exempt information in terms of paragraph 14 of Part 1 of Schedule 7A of the Act.

**5. Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982 - Licences**

**Private Hire Vehicles.**

The Panel heard from the Civic Licensing Standards Officer, the Fleet Officer and from the licence holder, Patrick O'Donnell and his representative in response.

The Panel adjourned to view a video of the vehicle test and, on reconvening

**Decided:** to take no further action in relation to this matter.

The meeting ended at 1.20 p.m.