

REGULATORY PANEL

Minutes of a hybrid webcast meeting of
20 March 2025 at 10.00 a.m.

Present in
County Hall: Councillors Alan Lamont (Chair), Ian Cavana, Alec Clark, Martin Kilbride.

Present Remotely: Councillors Mark Dixon and Craig Mackay.

Apologies: Councillors Lee Lyons, Mary Kilpatrick and Duncan Townson.

Attending: K. Briggs, Service Lead – Legal and Licensing; L. McChristie, Co-ordinator (Licensing); C. Carroll, Service Lead – Housing Strategy and Regeneration; D. Scobie, Civic Licensing Standards Officer; M. Wright, Fleet Officer; J. McClure, Committee Services Lead Officer; and C. McCallum, Committee Services Assistant.

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 – 20 February 2025

As Councillor Dixon was not present at the meeting of 20 February 2025, he was unable to vote on these minutes.

For Item (2) of these Minutes, as Councillors Lamont and Cavana were not present at the full meeting of 23 January 2025, they were not eligible to vote.

Councillor Kilbride, seconded by Councillor Clark moved Item (2) of these Minutes.

Decided: to approve Item (2) of these Minutes.

For Item (3)(a) of these Minutes, as Councillors Clark, Mackay and Townson did not take part in consideration of this item, they were therefore, not eligible to vote.

Councillor Kilbride, seconded by Councillor Cavana moved Item (3)(a) of these Minutes.

Decided: to approve Item (3)(a) of these Minutes

Councillor Kilbride left the meeting following Item 3(a) so therefore could not vote on the remaining items.

For Item (6)(a)(i) of these Minutes, as Councillor Cavana declared an interest in this item, he was therefore not eligible to vote.

Councillor Clark, seconded by Councillor Lamont moved Item (6)(a)(i) of these Minutes

Decided: to approve Item (6)(a)(i) of these Minutes.

For Items (6)(a)(ii), (iii) and (iv) of these Minutes, Councillor Cavana, seconded by Councillor Lamont moved these items of the Minutes.

Decided: to approve Items (6)(a)(ii), (iii) and (iv) of these Minutes.

For Items (6)(b) (8)(a), (8)(b), 8(c) and (9) of these Minutes, Councillor Clark, seconded by Councillor Lamont moved these items of the Minutes.

Decided: to approve Items (6)(b), (8)(a), (8)(b), 8(c) and (9) of these Minutes.

3. Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982 - Licences

(a) Short Term Let

5 Trenchard Court, South Harbour Street, Ayr

The Panel heard from the Service Lead – Housing Strategy and Regeneration, from the applicant's representative and from two of the objectors.

The Panel

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

(b) Taxi Driver Licence

- (i) The Panel heard from the Civic Licensing Standards Officer, from the complainant and from the representative for the licence holder, Dennis Nutt, in relation to the complaint against him.

The Panel

Decided: to vary the terms of the licence currently held by Dennis Nutt to instruct him to undertake further Taxi and Private Hire Vehicle Licensing Training on 27 March 2025 at Ayrshire College and submit proof of this training to the Licensing Team; and to grant delegated powers to the Service Lead – Legal and Licensing to suspend his licence should the training not be completed and thereafter reinstate his licence on completion of the training.

Councillor Clark left the meeting at this point.

Adjournment

The time being 11.20 a.m., the Panel adjourned.

Resumption of Meeting

The meeting resumed at 11.30 a.m.

- (ii) The Panel heard from the Co-ordinator (Licensing) and from the applicant, Connor McColm in relation to his application.

The Panel

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

(c) Taxi and Private Hire Vehicle Licences

Reference was made to the Minutes of 20 February 2025 when it had been decided, in the absence of the applicant, to continue consideration of this matter to a future meeting of this Panel ; and the Panel heard from the Civic Licensing Standards Officer, from the Fleet Officer and from Graeme Russell, in relation to the proposed suspension of the licence currently held by Ria Taxis Ltd and Graeme Russell.

The Panel

Decided: to take no further action at this time.

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 remaining items of business, 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**

(a) **Taxi and Private Hire Vehicle Licences**

- (i) Reference was made to the Minutes of 28 November 2024 when it had been decided to continue consideration of this matter to a future meeting of this Panel to allow further information to be sought; and the Minutes of 20 February 2025 when it had been decided to continue consideration of this matter to this meeting to allow the licence holder to attend; and the Panel heard from the Civic Licensing Standards Officer, from the Fleet Officer and from the representative for the licence holder, Jane Coulter, in relation to the proposed suspension of the licences currently held by her; and thereafter adjourned for consideration of this matter.

Upon reconvening, the Panel

Decided: to vary the terms of the licences for the vehicles held by Jane Coulter to be tested every four months from today's date for the remainder of the licence.

Councillor Mackay left the meeting at this point.

- (ii) Reference was made to the Minutes of 20 February 2025 when it had been decided to continue consideration of this matter to this meeting to allow the licence holder to attend; and the Panel heard from the Civic Licensing Standards Officer, from the Fleet Officer and from the licence holder John Grigor, in relation to the proposed suspension of the licences currently held by him.

The Panel

Decided: to take no further action at this time.

The meeting ended at 12.50 p.m.