

Highland Council

Minute of the remote meeting of the **Highland Licensing Committee** held via Microsoft Teams on Tuesday 12 January 2021 at 10.00 am.

Present:

Mr J Bruce, Mr A Jarvie (Chair) (except item 6.1), Mrs L MacDonald, Mr K Rosie, Mr A Sinclair (from item 9.1) and Mr C Smith.

In attendance:

Miss C McArthur, Principal Solicitor (Regulatory Services)
Mr I Meredith, Solicitor (Regulatory Services)
Mr M Elsey, Senior Licensing Officer
Mrs A MacArthur, Administrative Assistant

Also attending:

Sergeant K Duncan, Police Scotland
Mr M MacDonald, Police Scotland

The Chair confirmed that the meeting would be webcast and gave a short briefing on the Council's webcasting procedure and protocol.

Business

1. Apologies for absence Leisgeulan

Apologies for absence were received on behalf of Mrs J Barclay, Ms E Knox, Mr W Mackay and Mr D Macpherson.

2. Declarations of interest Foillseachaidhean Com-pàirt

Item 6.1 - Mr A Jarvie (non-financial).

3. Confirmation of minutes Dearbhadh a' Gheàrr-chunntais

There had been submitted for confirmation as a correct record the minute of meeting of the Committee held on 1 December 2020 which was **APPROVED**.

4. Licences granted under delegated powers Ceadachdan a bhuilicheadh fo ùghdarras air a thiomnadh

There had been circulated **Report No HLC/001/21** by the Principal Solicitor which detailed all licences which had been granted under delegated powers under the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982 in the period from 19 November 2020 to 16 December 2020.

The Committee **NOTED** the report.

**5. Pending applications – 3 monthly considerations
Iarrtasan ri thighinn – beachdachaidhean 3 mìosach**

There had been circulated **Report No HLC/002/21** by the Principal Solicitor relating to applications which were currently pending for the grant or renewal of licences under the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982.

The Committee **AGREED** to defer the determination of the applications, either to:

(a) allow them to be approved under delegated powers in the event that no objections/representations are received and all outstanding documentation has been received from the applicants; or

(b) a future meeting of the Committee when the applications will be determined in terms of the Hearings Procedure.

**6. Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982
Public Entertainment Licences
Achd Riaghaltais Chatharra (Alba) 1982
Ceadachdan Aoigheachd Phoblaich**

6.1 Premises: North Coast Leisure Centre, Munro Place, Bettyhill

There is circulated **Report No HLC/003/21** by the Principal Solicitor relating to an application for a public entertainment licence for North Coast Leisure Centre, Munro Place, Bettyhill by Highlife Highland (North, West and Central Sutherland Ward).

Mr M Elsey advised that a satisfactory Electrical Certificate had yet to be received.

The Committee **AGREED** to **GRANT** the application subject to (1) standard conditions and (2) an additional condition stating that:

- no public entertainment activities shall take place until a satisfactory electrical certificate is provided to the licensing authority.

**7. Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982
Taxi driver's / operator's licences
Achd Riaghaltais Chatharra (Alba) 1982
Ceadachdan Dhràibhearán / Oibrichean Tagsaidh**

7.1 Application for grant of taxi driver's licence – Robert Walker

There is circulated **to members only Report No HLC/004/21** by the Principal Solicitor relating to an application which has been received from Robert Walker for a taxi driver's licence (Cromarty Firth Ward).

The Committee **NOTED** that the application had been withdrawn at the applicant's request.

8. The Committee **RESOLVED** that, under Section 50A(4) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973, the public be excluded from the meeting during discussion of the following Items on the grounds that they involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 7A of the Act.

9. **Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982**
Taxi driver's / operator's licences
Achd Riaghaltais Chatharra (Alba) 1982
Ceadachdan Dhràibhearán / Oibrichean Tagsaidh

9.1 Application for renewal of taxi driver's licence – Adrian Oman

There is circulated **to members only Report No HLC/005/21** by the Principal Solicitor relating to an application which has been received from Adrian Oman for a taxi driver's licence (Inverness South Ward).

Mr M Elsey stated that a letter of representation had been received from Police Scotland.

A written submission and a letter of support had been submitted by the applicant and this had been circulated to the Committee in advance of the meeting.

The applicant did not attend.

The Committee heard from Police Scotland in relation to the application.

The Committee **AGREED** to **GRANT** the renewal subject to the standard conditions.

The meeting closed at 10.25 pm.