

Highland Council

Minutes of the **Highland Licensing Committee** held in the Council Chamber, Council Headquarters, Glenurquhart Road, Inverness on Tuesday, 3 September 2024 at 12.30pm.

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Present:

Mr C Birt, Mr J Bruce, Mr J Grafton, Mrs J Hendry, Ms L Johnston, Mr S Kennedy (Chair), Mr W Mackay (remote), Mr D Macpherson, Mr P Oldham, Mr K Rosie.

In Attendance:

Ms C McArthur, Principal Solicitor, Regulatory Services
Mr I Meredith, Solicitor, Regulatory Services
Mr G Somers, Solicitor, Regulatory Services
Mr M Elsey, Senior Licensing Officer
Ms A Macrae, Senior Committee Officer
Mrs G Macpherson, Committee Officer

Also Attending:

Sergeant Paterson, Police Scotland

Item 6.1: Fraser Grant (applicant)

Item 9.1: Mr N M Mackay(objector), Kevin Johnston (applicant)

Item 9.2: Daniel Bradley (objector), Michael Romeling (applicant)

Item 9.3: Daniel Bradley (objector), Philip and Helena Gray (applicants)

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

An apology for absence was intimated on behalf of Ms E Knox.

2. Declarations of interest Foillseachaidhean Com-pàirt

There were no declarations of interest.

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 6 August 2024 which was **APPROVED**.

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

There had been circulated Report No HLC/84/24 by the Principal Solicitor which detailed all Licences granted under delegated powers under the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982 in the period from 24 July 2024 to 21 August 2024.

The Committee **NOTED** the report.

**4.1 Short Term Let Licences granted under delegated powers
Ceadachd Aontaidhean Màil Geàrr-ùine Ceadachdan a bhuilicheadh fo ùghdarras air a thiomnadh**

There had been circulated Report No HLC/085/24 by the Principal Solicitor which detailed all Short Term Let Licences granted under delegated powers under the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982 in the period from 24 July 2024 to 21 August 2024.

The Committee **NOTED** the report.

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

There had been circulated Report No HLC/86/24 by the Principal Solicitor relating to applications which are 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:

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

**5.1 Short Term Let Pending applications – 3 monthly considerations
Ceadachd Aontaidhean Màil Geàrr-ùine Iarrtasan ri thighinn – beachdachaidhean 3 mìosach**

There had been circulated Report No HLC/87/24 by the Principal Solicitor outlining the Short Term Let applications which are 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:

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

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

6.1 Application for the grant of a taxi operator's licence – Fraser Grant

There had been circulated **Report No HLC/88/24** by the Principal Solicitor relating to an application which has been received from Fraser Grant for a taxi operator's licence (Ward 19 - Inverness South). The Committee was invited to determine this application in accordance with the Council's Hearings Procedure.

The Committee **NOTED** the application was **WITHDRAWN**, at the applicant's request, during the course of the meeting.

**7. Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982
Private hire car driver's / operator's licences
Achd Riaghaltais Chatharra (Alba) 1982
Iarrtasan airson ceadachdan do dhràibhearain / oibrichean chàraichean
airson fastadh priobhaideach**

7.1 Application for the grant of a private hire car driver's licence – Faiz Mohammed

There had been circulated **Report No HLC/89/24** by the Principal Solicitor relating to an application which has been received from Faiz Mohammed for a private hire car driver's licence (Ward 10 – Eilean a' Cheò). The Committee was invited to determine the application in accordance with the Council's Hearings Procedure.

The Committee **NOTED** the application had been **WITHDRAWN**, at the applicant's request, prior to the meeting taking place.

**8. Housing (Scotland) Act 2006 – Part 5
Licensing of Houses in multiple occupation
Achd an Taigheadais (Alba) 2006 – Pàirt 5
Ceadachd thaighean ann an ioma-chòmhnaidh**

8.1 Application for the grant of a licence for a house in multiple occupation – First Floor, 33 Ardconnel Street, Inverness

There had been circulated **Report No HLC/90/24** by the Principal Solicitor relating to an application which has been received from Colin Ferguson for the grant of a licence for a house in multiple occupation (Ward 14 – Inverness Central). The Committee was invited to determine the application in accordance with the Council's Hearings Procedure.

The Committee **NOTED** all outstanding matters had been addressed by applicant prior to meeting and the licence **AGREED** to **GRANT** under delegated powers.

**9. Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982
Short Term Let licensing
Achd Riaghaltais Chatharra (Alba) 1982
Ceadachd Aontaidhean Màil Geàrr-ùine**

9.1 Application for grant of a short term let licence – Flat 6, 13 Culduthel Road, Inverness, IV2 4AG

There had been circulated **Report No HLC/91/24** by the Principal Solicitor relating to an application which has been received from Mr Kevin Alfred Stuart Johnston for the grant of a short term let licence (Ward 14 – Inverness Central). The Committee was invited to determine the application in accordance with the Council's Hearings Procedure.

The Committee heard from Mr N M Mackay, objector, and Kevin Johnston, applicant, in relation to the application.

The Committee **AGREED** to **GRANT** the application for a short term let licence subject to the standard conditions.

9.2 Application for grant of a short term let licence – The Steading, Camas Inas, Acharacle, PH36 4JQ

There had been circulated **Report No HLC/92/24** by the Principal Solicitor relating to an application which has been received from Mr Michael Romeling for the grant of a short term let licence (Ward 21 – Fort William and Ardnamurchan). The Committee was invited to determine the application in accordance with the Council's Hearings Procedure.

The Committee heard from Daniel Bradley, objector, and Michael Romeling, applicant, in relation to the application.

The Committee **AGREED** to **GRANT** the application for a short term let licence subject to the standard conditions.

9.3 Application for grant of a short term let licence – Rowan House, Camus Inas, Acharacle, PH36 4JQ

There had been circulated **Report No HLC/93/24** by the Principal Solicitor relating to an application which has been received from Mr Philip Gray for the

grant of a short term let licence (Ward 21 – Fort William and Ardnamurchan). The Committee was invited to determine the application in accordance with the Council's Hearings Procedure.

The Committee heard from Daniel Bradley, objector, and Philip and Helena Gray, applicants, in relation to the application.

The Committee **AGREED** to **GRANT** the application for a short term let licence subject to the standard conditions.

The meeting ended at 2.30pm.
