

Minute of Meeting



General Purposes Committee

Date	Time	Venue
6 June 2017	11 am	Council Chamber

Present:

Councillor Alexander	Councillor Baird
Councillor Cassidy	Councillor Curran
Councillor Hackett	Councillor Imrie
Councillor Johnstone	Councillor Lay-Douglas
Councillor McCall	Councillor Milligan
Councillor Montgomery	Councillor Muirhead
Councillor Munro	Councillor Parry
Councillor Russell	Councillor Smail
Councillor Winchester	

In attendance:

Alan Turpie	Legal Services Manager
Verona MacDonald	Democratic Services Team Leader
Inspector Frank Smith	Police, Scotland
Inspector Michelle Ritchie	Police, Scotland

1. Apologies

1.1 An apology for absence was intimated on behalf of Councillor Hardie.

2. Order of Business

2.1 The order of business was confirmed as outlined in the agenda circulated.

3. Declarations of interest

Councillor Curran intimated declarations of interest in respect of 3 applications to be considered under Private Reports relating to private hire car drivers on the grounds of his involvement in the taxi trade. Councillor Muirhead intimated a declaration of interest in respect of an application to be considered under Private Reports relating to an application for an itinerant metal dealer licence on the grounds of previous knowledge and involvement with the applicant.

4. Minute Silence

In light of the terrorist attack in London on the Saturday evening, the Clerk asked that the meeting stand to observe a minute's silence as a mark of respect for the victims.

5. Public Reports

Report No.	Report Title	Presented by:
5.1	Election of Chair	Verona MacDonald
Outline of report and summary of discussion		
The Clerk invited nominations for the position of Chair. Councillor Smaill was nominated by Councillor Winchester, seconded by Councillor Lay-Douglas. Councillor Johnstone was nominated by Councillor Parry, seconded by Councillor Cassidy. The Clerk, having established that there were no other nominations for the position advised that a vote would be taken. On a vote being taken by a show of hands, 10 votes were cast for Councillor Smaill and 5 for Councillor Johnstone. The Clerk confirmed Councillor Smaill was elected Chair and asked him to come forward and preside over the meeting.		
Decision		
Councillor Smaill elected Chair		

Report No.	Report Title	Presented by:
5.2	Committee Overview	Verona MacDonald
Outline of report and summary of discussion		
Verona MacDonald addressed the Board and, in particular, for the assistance of newly elected Members, gave a verbal overview of the Committee's remit. She further detailed the schedule of meetings and the process for consideration, approval and recording of Minutes of Meetings.		
Decision		
The Committee noted the terms of the verbal report.		

Report No.	Report Title	Presented by:
5.3	Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982 – Procedure for Disposal of Applications for Licences – Report by Director, Resources	Alan Turpie
Outline of report and summary of discussion		
Alan Turpie spoke to the terms of the Report which outlined the procedure to be followed by the Committee when considering applications for licences. He suggested to Members that the Report be used by them at future meetings as a reference guide.		
Decision		
The Committee noted the terms of the Report.		

Exclusion of Members of the Public

In view of the nature of the business to be transacted, the Committee agreed that the public be excluded from the meeting during discussion of the undernoted item, as contained in the Addendum hereto, as there might be disclosed exempt information as defined in paragraphs 3, 6 and 14 of Part I of Schedule 7A to the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973:-

- 6.1 Private Hire Car Driver's Licence – S. McDonald
- 6.2 Application for a Private Hire Car Driver's Licence – P. Mercer
- 6.3 Private Hire Car Driver's Licence – J. Thorburn
- 6.4 Application for a Late Hours Catering Licence – Dominos Pizza, 10 Eskbank Road, Dalkeith
- 6.5 Application for an Itinerant Metal Dealer's Licence – Chameleon (G. Sessions)

The Meeting terminated at 12.50 pm.