

## **MORAY COUNCIL**

### **MINUTE OF MEETING OF THE LICENSING COMMITTEE**

**WEDNESDAY 16 MAY 2018**

**COUNCIL CHAMBERS, ELGIN**

#### **PRESENT**

Councillors G Cowie (Chair), R Shepherd (Depute), G Alexander, J Allan, T Coull, P Coy, R Edwards, G Leadbitter, M Macrae and A Patience.

#### **APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Councillor R McLean

#### **IN ATTENDANCE**

Mrs M Forrest, Legal Services Manager (Litigation and Licensing), Ms H Locker, Solicitor (Litigation & Licensing) as Legal Advisor to the Committee and Mrs T Sutherland, Committee Services Officer as Clerk to the Committee.

#### **1. DECLARATION OF GROUP DECISIONS AND MEMBER'S INTERESTS**

In terms of Standing Order 20 and the Councillors' Code of Conduct there were no declarations from group leaders or spokespersons in regard to any prior decisions taken on how Members will vote on any item on the agenda or any declarations of Member's interests in respect of any item on the agenda.

#### **2. MINUTE OF THE LICENSING COMMITTEE DATED 21 MARCH 2018**

The Minute of the meeting of the Licensing Committee dated 21 March 2018 was submitted and approved.

#### **3. WRITTEN QUESTIONS**

The Committee noted that no written questions had been submitted.

#### **4. CIVIC GOVERNMENT (SCOTLAND) ACT 1982 – APPLICATION FOR GRANT OF A LATE HOURS CATERING LICENCE (Case No. LHC/18/002)**

A report by the Acting Corporate Director (Corporate Services) invited the Committee to consider an application for the grant of a late hours catering licence received on 28 February 2018 subject to an adverse representation received on behalf of Lennox Community Council.

The Committee noted that the Applicant was in attendance.

The applicant addressed the Committee and responded to questions raised by the Committee.

Following consideration the Chair asked the applicant if they were happy with proceedings and if they felt they had had a fair hearing.

The applicant advised they were happy with proceedings and stated they felt they had had a fair hearing.

Following consideration the Committee agreed to grant the application for a late hours catering licence in respect of Case No. LHC/18/002.

#### **5. CIVIC GOVERNMENT (SCOTLAND) ACT 1982 - POSSIBLE SUSPENSION OF A TAXI DRIVER LICENCE (Case No. STD/18/001**

This report was withdrawn prior to the meeting as a result of the taxi driver the report related to, voluntarily surrendering their Taxi Driver Licence.

#### **6. CIVIC GOVERNMENT (SCOTLAND) ACT 1982 - MANDATORY REVIEW OF TAXI FARES AND CHARGES**

A report by the Acting Corporate Director (Corporate Services) invited the Committee to consider the responses received as part of the formal consultation carried out in relation to the review of the maximum fares and charges applicable to taxis and, in light of those responses, to agree a new fare card.

Councillor Coull proposed increasing the charge for a passenger fouling a taxi from £100 to £120, as there was no-one otherwise minded the proposal was agreed.

Following consideration the Committee agreed to:

- (i) consider the responses received from the formal consultation process;
- (ii) adopt the fare card set out in Appendix 1 subject to the following changes:
  - Increase in the charge for a passenger fouling a taxi from £100 to £120
  - the distance fare for exclusive hire be changed from yards to miles
- (iii) the maximum fares and charges applicable to taxis in Moray to take effect from 29 June 2018; and
- (iv) instruct the Head of Legal and Democratic Services to implement the new fare card on that date.

#### **7. QUESTION TIME**

There were no questions raised.