

MORAY COUNCIL

Minute of Meeting of the Licensing Committee

Thursday, 20 May 2021

remote locations via video conference,

PRESENT

Councillor George Alexander, Councillor James Allan, Councillor David Bremner, Councillor Theresa Coull, Councillor Gordon Cowie, Councillor Paula Coy, Councillor Ryan Edwards, Councillor Donald Gatt, Councillor Marc Macrae, Councillor Maria McLean, Councillor Louise Nicol, Councillor Derek Ross, Councillor Amy Taylor

SUBSTITUTES

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APOLOGIES

Councillor Ray McLean

IN ATTENDANCE

Also in attendance at the above meeting were Sean Hoath, Senior Solicitor, Tracey Sutherland, Committee Services Officer, both Moray Council, Sergeant Gill Flett, Police Scotland and Mr David Adams, Solicitor the Licence Holder's representative.

1. Declaration of Group Decisions and Members 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. Resolution

The meeting resolved in terms of Section 50A (4) AND (5) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973, as amended, the public and media representatives be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the items of business appearing at the relevant paragraphs of this minute as specified below, so as to avoid disclosure of exempt information of the class described in the appropriate paragraphs of Part 1 Schedule 7a of the Act.

Para Number of the Minute	Para Number of Schedule 7a

3	Information relating to action taken, or to be taken, in connection with the prevention, investigation or prosecution of a crime
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3. STD-21-001 Report [Para14]

A report by the Depute Chief Executive (Education, Communities and Organisational Development) asked the Committee to consider on behalf of the Chief Superintendent for suspension of a taxi driver's licence.

The Committee noted that the licence holder's representative was in attendance. The Chief Superintendent was represented by Sergeant Gill Flett, Police Scotland.

Sergeant Flett addressed the Committee and responded to questions raised by the Committee.

The Licence Holder's representative addressed the Committee and responded to questions raised by the Committee.

Both the Licence Holder's representative and Sergeant Flett summed up and confirmed that they had received a fair hearing from the Committee.

Councillor Cowie moved that the Committee suspend the licence with immediate effect for the remaining term of the licence on the ground that the carrying of the activity is likely to cause a threat to public order or public safety and circumstances justified immediate suspension. As there was no one otherwise minded the licence was suspended with immediate effect.