



**MINUTES OF MEETING of the REGULATORY COMMITTEE held in the COUNCIL
CHAMBER on TUESDAY 26 AUGUST 2025 at 9.30 AM**

PRESENT

Councillor Darren Lee (Chair)
Councillor Kenneth Earle
Councillor Martha Benny
Councillor Phil Fairlie
Councillor Wendy Hamilton
Councillor Scott Harrison
Councillor Kathleen Martin (Via Teams)
Councillor Jane McTaggart (Via Teams)

IN ATTENDANCE

Paul Fair, Civic Licensing Standards Officer (CLSO)
Lezli-Anne Sharp, Licensing Paralegal Administrator
Helena Arthur, Solicitor, Legal and Governance (Depute Clerk to the Committee)
Sarah Goldberg, Legal Team Leader, Legal and Governance
Gillian White, Committee Services, Legal and Governance (Minutes)
Melanie Moore, Committee Services, Legal and Governance

RC(25)13 APOLOGIES

None.

RC(25)14 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

Councillor Phil Fairlie declared a non-financial interest in Item 4 on the Agenda as the applicant works in Glenochil Prison where Councillor Fairlie has a trade union role. As the applicant is not a trade union member, Councillor Fairlie advised he would continue to participate in the item of business.

RC(25)15 MINUTES OF REGULATORY COMMITTEE – 27 MAY 2025

The minutes of the meeting of the Regulatory Committee held on Tuesday 27 May 2025 were submitted for approval.

Decision

The minutes of the meeting of the Regulatory Committee held on Tuesday 27 May 2025 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

EXEMPT ITEMS

The Committee resolved in terms of Section 50A of the Local Government (Scotland) Act, 1973, that the press and public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following items of business on the grounds that they involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as detailed in Schedule 7A, Part 1, Paragraphs 3 and 6.

**RC(25)16 APPLICATION FOR PRIVATE HIRE CAR DRIVER LICENCE
(C MCALPINE)**

The Licensing Authority had received an application for a Private Hire Car Driver Licence from Mr Craig McAlpine. Representation on the application had been received from the Civic Licensing Standards Officer (CLSO) and an objection had been received from Police Scotland. Mr McAlpine had also submitted a written representation.

Councillor Phil Fairlie declared a non-financial interest in this item of business as the applicant works in Glenochil Prison where Councillor Fairlie has a trade union role. As the applicant is not a trade union member, Councillor Fairlie advised he would continue to participate in the item of business.

Attending

Mr Craig McAlpine (Applicant)
Mr John Usher (Applicant's Representative)
Mr Paul Fair, Civic Licensing Standards Officer (CLSO)
PC Kirstin McLean, Police Scotland

The Committee were asked to consider all the information before them and having done so to determine whether to grant the licence; grant the licence subject to additional conditions; or refuse the application.

The Committee heard the objection from Police Scotland; the representations from the Civic Licensing Standards Officer (CLSO) and the applicant; and had the opportunity to put questions to all parties.

Following questions, the Chair adjourned the meeting to consider the application (10.28 am). The Committee resumed at 10.42 am with 8 members present.

Motion

Having considered all the information presented to it and having had the opportunity for questions that the Committee refuse to grant the application for a Private Hire Car Driver Licence.

Moved by Councillor Phil Fairlie. Seconded by Councillor Kenneth Earle.

Decision

Having considered all the information presented to it and having had the opportunity for questions the Committee unanimously refused to grant the application for a Private Hire Car Driver Licence.

The reason given was that, based on the evidence; and the lack of reflection and remorse, the applicant was not a fit and proper person to hold such a licence in Clackmannanshire.

Action

Depute Clerk to the Committee

RC(25)17 APPLICATION FOR TAXI DRIVER LICENCE

The Licensing Authority had received an application for a Taxi Driver Licence from Mr Stephen Wilson. Representation on the application had been received from the Civic Licensing Standards Officer (CLSO).

Attending

Mr Paul Fair, Civic Licensing Standards Officer (CLSO)

The applicant, Mr Stephen Wilson, was not in attendance, having earlier confirmed that he was happy for the matter to be heard in his absence.

The Committee were asked to consider all the information before them and having done so to determine whether to grant the licence; grant the licence subject to additional conditions; or refuse the application.

The Committee heard representation from the Civic Licensing Standards Officer (CLSO) and had the opportunity to put questions to him.

Motion

Having considered all of the information presented to it and having had the opportunity for questions that the Committee grants the application for a Taxi Drivers Licence.

Moved by Councillor Kenneth Earle. Seconded by Councillor Phil Fairlie.

Decision

Having considered all the information presented to it and having had the opportunity for questions, the Committee agreed unanimously to approve the application for a Taxi Drivers Licence.

Action

Depute Clerk to the Committee

NON EXEMPT ITEMS

RC(25)18 PUBLIC ENTERTAINMENT LICENSING GUIDANCE NOTE

Paul Fair (CLSO) provided a verbal update and Guidance Note on the Public Entertainment Licensing (PEL) which included clarification around “bring your own bottle” requirements.

Having had the opportunity for questions, the Committee agreed to note the information.

Action

CLSO

Ends 11.05 am

