

SCOTTISH BORDERS COUNCIL CIVIC GOVERNMENT LICENSING COMMITTEE

MINUTES of Meeting of the CIVIC
GOVERNMENT LICENSING COMMITTEE
held in COMMITTEE ROOMS 2 AND 3,
COUNCIL HEADQUARTERS, NEWTOWN
ST BOSWELLS on Friday, 23rd October,
2015 at 11.00 am

Present:- Councillors W. Archibald, J. Greenwell, B. Herd, G. Logan, D. Paterson,
R. Stewart, J. Torrance and B White.
Apologies:- Councillors J. Campbell, T. Weatherston.
In Attendance:- Solicitor (R. Kirk), Licensing Team Leader, Democratic Services Officer (F
Henderson), P.C. C. Lackenby, Inspector M. Bennett - Police Scotland.

1. **MINUTE.**

The Minute of the Meeting of 25 September 2015 had been circulated.

DECISION

APPROVED and signed by the Chairman

2. **LICENCES ISSUED UNDER DELEGATED POWERS.**

There had been circulated copies of lists detailing the Civic Government and
Miscellaneous Licences issued under delegated powers between 17 September 2015 and
9 October 2015.

DECISION

NOTED.

1. **LICENSING OF TAXIS, PRIVATE HIRE VEHICLES AND DRIVERS.**

There had been circulated copies of an application submitted by Mr Gerard Fox for the
grant of a Taxi Driver Licence together with a letter of objection dated 22 September 2015
received from Police Scotland. Mr Fox, although cited to attend was not present at the
meeting. The Committee agreed that Mr Fox should be present for the determination of
his application and agreed to defer consideration to the next meeting.

- 3.1 Members expressed concern that there appeared to be a number of applicants who did
not attend the meeting for consideration of their application, although cited to attend and
sought clarification about the process advising the applicant of the requirement to attend.

DECISION

**AGREED to defer consideration of the application for the grant of Taxi Driver
Licence submitted by Mr Fox to the next meeting.**

2. **LICENSING OF MARKET OPERATORS.**

There had been circulated copies of an application submitted by Galashiels Market CIC
for the grant of a Market Operator's Licence together with a copy of an email from the
Road User Engineer in relation to other regular use of the location referred to in the
application. On being invited to speak by the Chairman, Inspector Bennett commented
that whilst Police Scotland had made no representations on the application, if the licence
was issued they would need to monitor the market activity because regular vehicular
access would still be required at the proposed location. Although cited to attend, there

was no representative from Galashiels Market CIC present at the meeting. The Committee were unwilling to consider the application without a representative present who could clarify the matters raised.

DECISION

AGREED to defer consideration of the application submitted by Galashiels Market CIC to the next meeting.

The meeting concluded at 11.15 a.m.