

MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE LICENSING COMMITTEE HELD IN  
COMMITTEE ROOM 2/3, CIVIC OFFICES, ANGEL STREET, BRIDGEND ON  
WEDNESDAY, 3 APRIL 2013 AT 10.00AM

Present:-

Councillor R Williams - Chairperson

<u>Councillors</u>	<u>Councillors</u>	<u>Councillors</u>
N Clarke	R D Jenkins	H E Morgan
P A Davies	P N John	D G Owen
G W Davies	D R W Lewis	G Thomas
E Dodd		

Officers:

Y Witchell	-	Licensing and Registration Officer
K Watson	-	Legal Officer
A Rees	-	Senior Democratic Services Officer - Committees

19 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from the following Members for the reasons so stated:-

Councillor P James	-	Unwell
Councillor E Venables	-	Childcare commitments

20 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor R D Jenkins declared a prejudicial interest in Agenda Item 3 - Licensing Functions: Discretionary Licence Fees and Charges 2013/14 as his daughter and her partner are licensed taxi drivers and withdrew from the meeting during consideration of this item of business.

21 LICENSING FUNCTIONS: DISCRETIONARY LICENCE FEES AND CHARGES  
2013/2014

The Licensing and Registration Officer presented a report, the purpose of which was to determine licensing fees and charges for 2013/14. She explained that the Licensing Committee had the power to determine fees charged in respect of those licensing functions within the purview of the Committee and which were not set by statute. The Committee had the power to hear and determine objections relating to proposed fee revisions.

The Licensing and Registration Officer stated that the Council had a Policy that where permitted by legislation, the overall level of fees was set to recover the cost of providing the service. The majority of fees relating to the Licensing Functions were set by statute and the Council had no discretion to vary these fees.

The Licensing and Registration Officer reported that the increases proposed for 2013/14 were in line with the Budget Strategy approved by Council on 27 February 2013, with an increase of 3.7% (CPI plus 1%) being applied to licensing fees and

rounded to the nearest pound, with the exception of those fees (or parts of fees) charged by third parties or those set out in statute.

RESOLVED: That the Committee approved the proposed fee increases, shown in Appendix 1 of the report to be effective from 8 April 2013 with the exception of fees relating to taxi vehicle licences and operator licences which are subject to public notice and will become operative either 28 days following the exploration of the public notice, or, if objections are received, on a date to be determined by the Licensing Committee following formal consideration of the objections.

The meeting closed at 10.08am.