

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE LICENSING COMMITTEE HELD IN COMMITTEE ROOM 2/3, CIVIC OFFICES, ANGEL STREET, BRIDGEND ON WEDNESDAY, 3 AUGUST 2005 AT 2.15PM

Present:-

Councillor D Buttle - Chairperson

Councillors

A E Davies
W B Evans
R M Granville
J J Hipkiss
D T Greaves

Councillors

C E Hughes
M Jones
M E J Nott
M Quick

Councillors

K T Rowlands
D Sage
M L Simmonds
K Watkins

Officers: Mr H Batten, Mrs Y Witchell, Mr M A Galvin and Mrs R Harries.

19 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST FROM MEMBERS

Councillor W B Evans - In part of the item of the report entitled 'Licence Fees and Charges' due to his nephew and niece being taxi drivers.

20 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS COMMITTEE

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the last meeting of the Licensing Committee dated 7 April 2005 be approved as a true and accurate record.

21 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor R D Jenkins, who was presently unwell.

22 LEGAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT
LICENSING FUNCTIONS
LICENCE FEES AND CHARGES

The Deputy Chief Executive and Executive Director - Resources submitted a report, the purpose of which, was to determine licensing fees and charges for 2005/2006. The report attached at Appendix 1, a table which detailed both the current and proposed fees and charges.

Councillor W B Evans, who had declared an interest earlier, left the room for the duration of the discussion relating to fees for Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Licences.

Following discussion on the content of the report, it was

RESOLVED: That Committee approves the proposed fee increases contained within the Appendix to the report, to be effective from 8 August 2005, 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 expiration 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.

23 LICENSING ACT 2003
LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE
ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN AND VICE-CHAIRMAN TO CHAIRPERSONS
POOL

The Deputy Chief Executive and Executive Director - Resources submitted a report advising Members of the need to revise the composition of the Licensing Sub-Committee Chairpersons Pool for the reasons outlined in the report.

- RESOLVED: (1) That Councillors D Buttle and K T Rowlands be appointed to the Licensing Sub-Committee Chairpersons pool in their capacity of Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson of the Licensing Committee, in substitution for Councillors D T Greaves and M L Simmonds.
- (2) That the Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson of the Licensing Committee as should from time to time be appointed, be automatically included in the pool of Chairpersons of the Licensing Sub-Committee with the outgoing Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson of the Licensing Committee standing down.

24 LICENSING ACT 2003
APPLICATION FOR PERSONAL LICENCE
MR M LEWIS

RESOLVED: That the report of the Deputy Chief Executive and the Executive Director- Resources regarding an application for a refund of a licensing fee be noted, and in this instance approval be given for half the fee (i.e. £18.50) to be refunded to Mr Lewis.

25 TOWN POLICE CLAUSES ACT 1847
LOCAL GOVERNMENT (MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS) ACT 1982
APPLICATION FOR HACKNEY CARRIAGE AND PRIVATE HIRE VEHICLE
DRIVER LICENCE
MR R SEALEY

RESOLVED: That the report of the Deputy Chief Executive and the Executive Director- Resources regarding an application for a refund of a licensing fee be noted, and in this instance approval be given for a refund of £36.00 to be made to Mr Sealey.

26 LOCAL GOVERNMENT (MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS) ACT 1976
APPLICATIONS FOR A PUBLIC ENTERTAINMENT LICENCE
MRS J TAYLOR
THE OLD KINGS HEAD, COYCHURCH

- RESOLVED: (1) That the report of the Deputy Chief Executive and the Executive Director- Resources regarding an application for a refund of a licensing fee be noted, and in this instance part of the fee (i.e. £50.00) be refunded to Mrs Taylor.
- (2) That a policy regarding the refund of charges be explored, particularly in instances whereby costs to the Authority have been incurred due to an applicant failing to appear before the Sub-Committee at the time when their application is due to be considered.

27 LOCAL GOVERNMENT (MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS) ACT 1982
CONTROL OF STREET TRADING

The Deputy Chief Executive and Executive Director - Resources submitted a report, so as to seek an amendment to the policy in respect of the conditions attached to the grant of street trading consents in Porthcawl, for the reasons outlined in the report.

RESOLVED: That the above policy in question be revised by the addition of the following words 'This policy may be relaxed in exceptional circumstances'.

28 LICENSING ACT 2003
UPDATE ON APPLICATIONS

A report was submitted by the Deputy Chief Executive and Executive Director - Resources on the number of applications received for the new style licences, previously processed by the Bridgend Magistrates Court.

During the course of debate, Members enquired whether the numbers specified in the report had changed significantly since the report's composition. The Licensing Officer advised that the numbers had risen by between 50 and 80, with approximately 50 new applications arriving daily.

RESOLVED: That the report be noted.

The meeting closed at 2.43pm.