

MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE LICENSING COMMITTEE HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, CIVIC OFFICES, ANGEL STREET, BRIDGEND ON WEDNESDAY, 13 JULY 2011 AT 2.00PM

Present:

Councillor D K Edwards - Chairperson

<u>Councillors</u>	<u>Councillors</u>	<u>Councillors</u>
R D L Burns	C E Hughes	C Westwood
D Buttle	R D Jenkins	M C Wilkins
E M Dodd	D A Unwin	R Williams
D N W Jones		

Officers:

L Jones	-	Group Manager Public Protection
Y Witchell	-	Licensing and Registration Officer
R Lewis	-	Legal Officer
R Ronan	-	Democratic Services Officer

84 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from the following Members:

Councillor M Butcher	-	Other Council Business
Councillor C J James	-	Other Council Business

85 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The following declarations of interest were made:-

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| Councillor C E Hughes  | - | Agenda Item 4 - Taxi Licensing Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 Section 65 - Applications to Amend the table of Taxi Fares - Councillor Hughes declared a personal and prejudicial interest in that the Chairman of the Taxi Association is a tenant of his. Councillor Hughes withdrew from the meeting during consideration of this item. |
| Councillor R D Jenkins | - | Agenda Item 4 - Taxi Licensing Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 Section 65 - Applications to Amend the table of Taxi Fares - Councillor Jenkins declared a personal and prejudicial interest in that his daughter and her partner were taxi owners/drivers. Councillor Jenkins withdrew from the meeting during consideration of this item. |

86 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Licensing Committee held on 31 May 2011 be approved as a true and accurate record.

87 TAXI LICENSING LOCAL GOVERNMENT (MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS) ACT 1976 SECTION 65 - APPLICATIONS TO AMEND THE TABLE OF TAXI FARES

The Group Manager Public Protection reported on objections received and details of a revision to the original application to increase Taxi Fares in the County Borough previously approved by the Committee on the 13 April 2011.

As detailed in the report an objection has been received by Mr Borland in relation to new tariffs 5 and 6 which cover the Christmas and New Year period and to the proposed waiting time of £25 per hour or part thereof. Mr Borland has no objections to the proposed increase to the general fare tariffs 1 to 4.

The Group Manager - Public Protection told the Committee that the basis of Mr Borland's objection was that high increases to the tariffs over the busy Christmas and New Year period would be detrimental to trade. He explained that after consultation the applicants had now withdrawn the parts of the applications which gave rise to Mr Borland's objections.

The Group Manager - Public Protection asked the Committee to consider the amended application and if they are minded to proceed set a date on which the new Table of Fares shall come into force. He suggested that a suitable effective date for the increases would be the 15 August 2011.

The Group Manager - Public Protection also asked the Committee to consider the amendments to the wording of the Table of Fares as detailed in the report in Items 3.3.1 and 3.3.2.

RESOLVED: (1) That Members considered the amended application, and approved an increase to Tariffs 1 - 4 and that the coming into effect of the changes to take effect on 15 August

(2) That Members approved the following amendments to the wording of the Table of Fares :

Extra Charges; Waiting Time; add the words 'or part thereof' to any description of the charge.

Amend the wording on the Tariffs to: Passengers and drivers should note that the meter must be switched on at the start of each journey and operate for the entire journey.

The meeting closed at 2.10pm.