

LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE B - TUESDAY, 28 APRIL 2015

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE B HELD IN COUNCIL CHAMBER, CIVIC OFFICES ANGEL STREET BRIDGEND CF31 4WB ON TUESDAY, 28 APRIL 2015 AT 10.00 AM

Present

Councillor DRW Lewis – Chairperson

PA Davies E Dodd

Officers:

Andrea Lee Senior Lawyer
Rachel Morris Senior Licensing Assistant
Andrew Rees Senior Democratic Services Officer - Committees

20. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

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

Councillor G W Davies – Other Council Business
Councillor P N John – Other Council Business.

21. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting of the Licensing Sub-Committee (B) of 3 March 2015 were approved as a true and accurate record.

22. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

23. APPLICATION TO LICENCE PRIVATE HIRE VEHICLE

The Senior Licensing Assistant submitted a report regarding an application by Forge Travel Limited to licence a Mercedes-Benz ML350 AMG Sport Bluetec Auto, vehicle registration number KM63 VUC as a private hire vehicle to seat four persons. The vehicle is pre-owned and was first registered at the DVLA on 8 January 2014. There was no service history or MOT certificate as the vehicle had not reached the required mileage or age

The applicant was present in support of the application and the Sub-Committee adjourned the meeting in order to view the vehicle.

On inspecting the vehicle, the mileage was confirmed as being 17,324 miles.

The applicant informed the Sub-Committee that his business operated a fleet of 30 vehicles and undertook school contracts with Bridgend and Neath Port Talbot County Borough Councils. He intended to use the vehicle for school contract work where he picked up pupils from remote farms. He also intended to use the vehicle to convey passengers to join cruise ships as part of contracts the business has with a number of travel agents across South Wales. He informed the Sub-Committee that the vehicle did not have a service history as this was stored on the vehicle's computer.

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The Senior Licensing Assistant informed the Committee that the application fell outside the Policy guidelines for the first licensing of vehicles and which would normally be refused; however, a relaxation of the Policy may be considered in exceptional circumstances.

The Sub-Committee retired to consider the application further and on their return it was:

RESOLVED: That the Sub-Committee considered the application to licence a Mercedes-Benz ML350 AMG Sport Bluetec Auto, vehicle registration number KM63 VUC as a private hire vehicle to seat four persons and granted the application in view of the exceptional condition of the vehicle.

24. APPLICATION TO LICENCE PRIVATE HIRE VEHICLE

The Senior Licensing Assistant submitted a report regarding an application by Mr James Bickerstaff licence an Audi A4, vehicle registration number PE61 DZP as a private hire vehicle to seat four persons. The vehicle is pre-owned and was first registered at the DVLA on 16 September 2011. The applicant had provided a service history and MOT certificate for the vehicle.

The applicant was present in support of the application and the Sub-Committee adjourned the meeting in order to view the vehicle.

On inspecting the vehicle, the mileage was confirmed as being 90,523 miles.

The applicant informed the Sub-Committee that he works for Driven Taxis in Porthcawl undertaking mostly local work with occasional airport work. He had sold his previous private hire vehicle, a Vauxhall Insignia to a colleague.

The Senior Licensing Assistant informed the Committee that the application fell outside the Policy guidelines for the first licensing of vehicles and which would normally be refused; however, a relaxation of the Policy may be considered in exceptional circumstances.

The Sub-Committee retired to consider the application further and on their return it was:

RESOLVED: That the Sub-Committee considered the application to licence an Audi A4, vehicle registration number PE61 DZP as a private hire vehicle to seat four persons and granted the application in view of the exceptional condition of the vehicle.

25. EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC

RESOLVED: That under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 as amended by the Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) (Wales) Order 2007, the public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following items of business as they contain exempt information as defined in Paragraphs 12 of Part 4 and Paragraph 21 of Part 5 of Schedule 12A of the Act.

Following the application of the public interest test it was resolved that pursuant to the Act referred to above to consider the following items in private, with the public excluded from the meeting, as it was considered that in all the circumstances relating to the items, the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighed the public interest in disclosing the information, because the information would be prejudicial to the applicants.

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26. APPROVAL OF EXEMPT MINUTES
27. APPLICATION FOR GRANT OF NEW LICENCE
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29. URGENT ITEMS

There were no urgent items.

The meeting closed at 11.20 am