

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE B HELD IN COMMITTEE ROOMS 2/3, CIVIC OFFICES ANGEL STREET BRIDGEND CF31 4WB ON TUESDAY, 28 JUNE 2016 AT 10.00 AM

Present

Councillor DRW Lewis – Chairperson

PA Davies
DG Owen

E Dodd

CJ James

PN John

Officers:

Katie Brook

Senior Licensing Technical Officer

Katia Daw

Lawyer

Mark Galvin

Senior Democratic Services Officer - Committees

Yvonne Witchell

Team Manager Licensing

119. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor GW Davies MBE.

120. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

121. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the public Minutes of a meeting of the Licensing Sub-Committee dated 31 May 2016, be approved as a true and accurate record.

122. APPLICATION TO LICENCE PRIVATE HIRE VEHICLE

The Senior Licensing Assistant presented a report, requesting that the Sub-Committee considers an application to grant a licence for a Private Hire Vehicle.

The Sub-Committee then adjourned the meeting, in order to inspect the vehicle in question which was situate in the Civic Offices basement car park, with exception of Councillors C James and P John, who as a consequence of this, took no part in the consideration of the application.

Upon reconvening, the Senior Licensing Assistant confirmed that application was being made by David Llewellyn, to licence a Mercedes E Class 4 door saloon vehicle registration number BP62 THF as a private hire vehicle to seat 4 persons.

She confirmed that the vehicle was pre-owned and was first registered at the DVLA on 31 January 2013.

The Senior Licensing Assistant confirmed that the application fell outside the Private Hire Vehicle Policy approved by the Licensing Committee, by virtue that it was not a new

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vehicle. The vehicle was not wheelchair accessible, but there were specific policy guidelines in respect of the first licensing of private hire vehicles which fell outside the policy guidelines as outlined in paragraph 4.4 of the report. The current mileage of the vehicle was 30,253. She added for Members information, that a service history had been provided, setting out a vehicle service history between 22 January 2014 and 7 December 2015, including an MOT test undertaken at 28,943 miles.

The Chairperson then asked the applicant and Officers to retire from the meeting, whilst the Sub-Committee made a decision upon the application. When they returned, it was

RESOLVED: The Sub-Committee considered the application made to licence vehicle registration number BP62 THF as a Private Hire Vehicle.

It noted that given the age of the vehicle, it fell outside the terms of the Licensing Policy due to the requirements of paragraph 2.1, and given it was not wheelchair accessible.

The Sub-Committee considered paragraph 2.2.5 of the policy, and the circumstances in which the policy could be relaxed. In this case the Sub-Committee decided to grant the application for the following reasons:-

- The exceptional internal and exterior condition of the vehicle;

The exceptional standards of safety of the vehicle.

123. 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/or 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.

124. APPROVAL OF EXEMPT MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the exempt Minutes of a meeting of the Licensing Sub-Committee dated 31 May 2016, be approved as a true and accurate record.

125. APPLICATION FOR RENEWAL OF LICENCE

126. URGENT ITEMS

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None.

The meeting closed at 10.38 am