

LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE B - TUESDAY, 14 FEBRUARY 2017

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, 14 FEBRUARY 2017 AT 10.00 AM

Present

Councillor DRW Lewis – Chairperson

GW Davies MBE
PN John

PA Davies
DG Owen

E Dodd

CJ James

Apologies for Absence

Officers:

Eve Bradley	Licensing Support Officer
Katie Brook	Senior Licensing Technical Officer
Andrea Lee	Senior Lawyer
Andrew Rees	Senior Democratic Services Officer - Committees
Yvonne Wittchell	Team Manager Licensing

166. WELCOME

The Sub-Committee was introduced to Eve Bradley who had been newly appointed to the post of Licensing Support Officer.

167. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

168. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Licensing Sub-Committee of 13 December 2016 and the Licensing Act 2003 Sub-Committee of 23 November and 8 December 2016 be approved as a true and accurate record.

169. APPLICATION TO LICENCE PRIVATE HIRE VEHICLE

The Team Manager Licensing submitted a report regarding an application by Wayne Davies licence a Mercedes S registration number W8 WDD as a private hire vehicle to seat 4 persons. The vehicle is pre-owned and was first registered at the DVLA on 4 June 2007 and was acquired by the applicant on 8 October 2014.

Mr Davies attended in support of his application and the Sub-Committee adjourned the meeting in order to view the vehicle. On inspecting the vehicle, the mileage was confirmed as 69,071 miles. The Team Manager Licensing informed the Sub-Committee that the application falls outside the Private Hire Vehicle Policy, but a relaxation maybe considered in exceptional circumstances.

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The applicant informed the Sub-Committee that he had purchased the vehicle for use as a wedding hire car. In the event of his application being successful, he proposed to use the vehicle as part of his fleet, and had been asked by newlyweds if they could hire the vehicle to be taken to the airport. He had also gained contracts for airport runs with Thomas Cook and Going Places. He informed the Sub-Committee that he did not possess an operator's licence at present but intended to apply for one.

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

RESOLVED: That the Sub-Committee has considered the application to licence a Mercedes S registration number W8 WDD as a private hire vehicle to seat 4 persons.

The Sub-Committee has noted the application falls outside paragraph 2.1 of the Private Hire Vehicle Policy due to the age of the vehicle. The Sub-Committee has noted the provisions of paragraph 2.2.5 which allow a relaxation of the policy in certain situations. The Sub-Committee granted the licence in view of exceptional exterior and interior quality of the vehicle and exceptional standards of safety.

170. **URGENT ITEMS**

There were no urgent items.

171. **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 contained exempt information as defined in Paragraph 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 so mentioned.

172. **APPROVAL OF EXEMPT MINUTES**

173. **APPLICATION FOR RENEWAL OF LICENCES**

174. **APPLICATION FOR GRANT OF NEW LICENCES TO DRIVE HACKNEY CARRIAGE AND PRIVATE HIRE VEHICLES**

The meeting closed at 12.12 pm

