

LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE A - TUESDAY, 14 JANUARY 2020

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE A HELD IN COMMITTEE ROOMS 2/3, CIVIC OFFICES ANGEL STREET BRIDGEND CF31 4WB ON TUESDAY, 14 JANUARY 2020 AT 10:00

Present

Councillor DRW Lewis – Chairperson

TH Beedle  
JE Williams

RJ Collins

MJ Kearn

AA Pucella

Apologies for Absence

Officers:

Kirsty Evans                      Senior Licensing Officer  
Andrea Lee                        Senior Lawyer  
Michael Pitman                  Democratic Services Officer - Committees  
Yvonne Witchell                Team Manager Licensing

240. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Beedle advised that he needed to leave by 12:30pm as he had another meeting to attend

241. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr R Collins declared a prejudicial interest in item 10 of the agenda, as he was a neighbour of the applicant.

242. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the 19/11/2019 be approved as a true and accurate record.

243. APPLICATION TO LICENCE HACKNEY CARRIAGE VEHICLE

The Head of Legal and Regulatory Services submitted a report, which asked the Sub-Committee to consider an application to grant a licence for a Hackney Carriage vehicle.

The report advised that application was being made by Paul Brain, to licence a Dacia Logan, vehicle registration number LF17 WZM as a Hackney Carriage Vehicle to seat 4 persons. The vehicle was pre-owned and first registered at the DVLA on March 2017.

The application fell outside the Hackney Carriage Vehicle Policy approved by the Licensing Committee, for the reasons detailed in paragraph 4.3 of the report. The vehicle was not wheelchair accessible. An MOT certificate and service history was provided which was detailed at paragraph 4.3 of the report.

The Team Manager (Licensing) advised that the vehicle was inspected on the 18 December 2019 by Licensing Enforcement Officers following a refusal in a previous Sub Committee meeting due to safety concerns. Following the inspection, it was confirmed that there were no quality or safety concerns. Further details relating to the inspection were at 4.5 of the report.

Members proceeded to further inspect the vehicle which was situated in the Civic Offices basement car park.

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Upon the meeting reconvening it was confirmed that the current mileage of the vehicle was 17,528.

The Policy guidelines relating to applications for the licence of Hackney Carriage Vehicles was detailed in paragraph 4.4 of the report.

Members then retired to consider the application further and upon reconvening, it was

**RESOLVED:**

The Sub-Committee considered the application to register LF17 WZM as a Hackney Carriage Vehicle.

Members noted that it fell outside of policy 2.1 due to the vehicles age and mileage.

Members noted that the policy could be relaxed as set out in para 2.2 of the policy, namely the exceptional interior and exterior quality and the exceptional standards of safety. As such, the Sub-Committee were happy to grant the licence.

244. **APPLICATION TO LICENCE HACKNEY CARRIAGE VEHICLE**

The Head of Legal and Regulatory Services submitted a report, which asked the Sub-Committee to consider an application to grant a licence for a Hackney Carriage vehicle.

The report advised that application was being made by Emma Parrott, to licence a Toyota Avensis, vehicle registration number MD66 WXJ as a Hackney Carriage Vehicle to seat 4 persons. The vehicle was pre-owned and first registered at the DVLA on January 2017.

The application fell outside the Hackney Carriage Vehicle Policy approved by the Licensing Committee, for the reasons detailed in paragraph 4.3 of the report. The vehicle was not wheelchair accessible. An MOT certificate and service history was provided which was detailed at paragraph 4.3 of the report.

The Team Manager (Licensing) advised that this vehicle was previously refused at a Licensing Sub Committee due to concerns over the safety of the rear seats. On 8 January, a Licensing Enforcement Officer inspected a similar vehicle at a local dealership. Upon inspection, he noted that when the correct procedure had been used for lifting and lowering the seats, they were safe and secure. Further details were at 4.5 of the report.

Members then proceeded to inspect the vehicle which was situated in the Civic Offices basement car park.

Upon the meeting reconvening it was confirmed that the current mileage of the vehicle was 9,540

The Policy guidelines relating to applications for the licence of Hackney Carriage Vehicles was detailed in paragraph 4.4 of the report.

Members then retired to consider the application further and upon reconvening, it was

**RESOLVED:**

The Sub-Committee considered the application to register MD66 WXJ as a Hackney Carriage Vehicle.

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Members noted that it fell outside of policy 2.1 due to the vehicles age and mileage.

Members noted that the policy could be relaxed as set out in para 2.2 of the policy, namely the exceptional interior and exterior quality and the exceptional standards of safety. As such, the Sub-Committee were happy to grant the licence.

245. URGENT ITEMS

None

246. 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.

247. APPROVAL OF EXEMPT MINUTES

248. DISCIPLINARY HEARING FOR EXISTING TAXI DRIVER

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The meeting closed at Time Not Specified