

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, 3 JANUARY 2017 AT 10.00 AM

Present

Councillor R Williams – Chairperson

RM James                      HE Morgan

Apologies for Absence

P James, D Patel and E Venables

Officers:

Katie Brook	Senior Licensing Technical Officer
Katia Daw	Lawyer
Andrew Rees	Senior Democratic Services Officer - Committees
Yvonne Witchell	Team Manager Licensing

153. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

154. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

RESOLVED:            That the minutes of the meeting of the Licensing Sub-Committee of 1 November 2016 be approved as a true and accurate record.

155. APPLICATION TO LICENCE HACKNEY CARRIAGE VEHICLE

The Team Manager Licensing submitted a report regarding an application by Stephen Munro to licence a Peugeot Expert E7 MPV registration number SD58 PHA as a hackney carriage vehicle to seat 8 persons. The vehicle is wheelchair accessible but there is no tail lift fitted to it.

Mr Munro 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 329,534 miles. The Team Manager Licensing informed the Sub-Committee that the vehicle was previously licensed as a hackney carriage until 1 December 2016 but no application to renew the licence was submitted. The application falls outside the Hackney Carriage Vehicle Policy, but a relaxation maybe considered in exceptional circumstances.

The applicant informed the Sub-Committee that he runs a fleet of vehicles and had renewed the MOT certificates and licences of three of his fleet in November 2016 but had not received a reminder that the licence for this vehicle was to expire. He would have renewed the licence and out the vehicle in for an MOT test had he received the reminder from the Council. The Team Manager Licensing informed the applicant that the disc displayed in the windscreen of the vehicle showed that the licence had expired on 1 December 2016. She stressed the importance of the applicant in ensuring that his vehicle registration records are kept up to date as the Council does not write to licence to check the reasons why no applications for renewal are made.

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 Peugeot Expert E7 MPV registration number SD58 PHA as a wheelchair accessible hackney carriage vehicle to seat 8 persons formerly a licenced hackney carriage until 1 December 2016 and the reasons for the licence not being renewed.

The Sub-Committee has noted the application falls outside paragraph 2.1 of the policy but that under paragraph 2.2 of the policy may be relaxed in exceptional circumstances.

By a majority decision, given the exceptional quality of the vehicle and safety standards as well as the reasons for not renewing the licence 6 weeks previously, the Sub-Committee feel that there are exceptional circumstances in this case and are prepared to grant the licence. The Sub-Committee stressed the importance of the applicant keeping his records up to date and to not rely on prompting to make applications for renewal by the Council.

156. URGENT ITEMS

There were no urgent items.

157. 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.

158. APPROVAL OF EXEMPT MINUTES

159. APPLICATION FOR RENEWAL OF LICENCES

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

The meeting closed at 11.18 am