

LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE B - TUESDAY, 30 OCTOBER 2018

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, 30 OCTOBER 2018 AT 10:00

Present

Councillor PA Davies – Chairperson

A Hussain
JE Lewis

RM James

B Jones

MJ Kearns

Officers:

Katia Daw

Lawyer

Michael Pitman

Business & Administrative Apprentice

Yvonne Witchell

Team Manager Licensing

93. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None

94. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr JE Lewis declared a personal interest in Item 12 as she knows the applicant.

95. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the minutes of a Licensing Sub Committee (B) meeting on 28/08/2018 be approved as a true and accurate record.

96. 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 license for a Hackney Carriage Vehicle.

The application was made by Douglas R Wilson to license a Citroen Belingo Multispace vehicle registration number CA67 MZZ as a hackney carriage vehicle to seat 4 persons. The vehicle was preowned and was first registered at the DVLA on 16 February 2018

The meeting was briefly adjourned for Members to inspect the vehicle.

Upon recommencing the meeting, the Legal Officer advised members that the current mileage of the vehicle was at 4,291 miles. She stated that the vehicle fell outside the Hackney Carriage Vehicle Policy approved by the Licensing Committee. The vehicle was not wheelchair accessible, but there were specific policy guidelines in respect of the first licensing of Hackney Carriage Vehicles which fell outside the policy guidelines outlined in paragraph 4.5 of the report.

For members' information there was no service history provided as the requirement for servicing the vehicle has not been reached. An enforcement officer viewed the vehicle on 10 October 2018 and confirmed the mileage at the time as 3,867. The vehicle was presented in good condition with no visible issues or faults.

RESOLVED: The Sub-Committee considered the application to license Vehicle Registration number CA67 MZZ as a Hackney Carriage Vehicle.

Members noted that the application falls outside the Licensing Policy at paragraph 2.1 due to the vehicles age.

Members further noted that the Policy at paragraph 2.2 allows it to be relaxed in exceptional circumstances, and examples of these were detailed in paragraph 2.4 of the Policy.

Having examined the vehicle, the Sub-Committee felt that the vehicle was exceptional in terms of its quality both interior, exterior and its safety qualities. The Sub-committee therefore granted the license.

97. APPLICATION TO LICENCE PRIVATE HIRE VEHICLE

The Head of Legal and Regulatory Services submitted a report, which asked the Sub Committee to consider an application to grant a license for a Private Hire Vehicle. The application was made by Zahide Ahmed to license a Skoda Octavia, vehicle registration number BL16 YSM as a Private Hire Vehicle to seat 4 persons. The vehicle was preowned and was first registered at the DVLA on 1 July 2016

The meeting was briefly adjourned for Members to inspect the vehicle.

Upon recommencing the meeting, the Legal Officer advised members that the current mileage of the vehicle was at 14,543 miles. She stated that the vehicle fell outside the Private Hire Vehicle Policy approved by the Licensing Committee. 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 outlined in paragraph 4.5 of the report.

For members' information there was no service history provided as the requirement for servicing the vehicle has not been reached. An enforcement officer viewed the vehicle on 27 September 2018 and confirmed the mileage at the time as 13,864. The vehicle was presented in good condition with no visible issues or faults.

RESOLVED: The Sub-Committee considered the application to license Vehicle Registration number BL16 YSM as a Private Hire Vehicle.

Members noted that the application falls outside the Licensing Policy at paragraph 2.1 due to the vehicles age.

Members further noted that the Policy at paragraph 2.2 allows it to be relaxed in exceptional circumstances, and examples of these were detailed in paragraph 2.4 of the Policy.

Having examined the vehicle, the Sub-Committee felt that the vehicle was exceptional in terms of its quality both interior, exterior and its safety qualities. The Sub-committee therefore granted the license.

98. APPLICATION TO LICENCE PRIVATE HIRE VEHICLE

The Head of Legal and Regulatory Services submitted a report, which asked the Sub Committee to consider an application to grant a license for a Private Hire Vehicle.

The application was made by Prince K Ugboodu to license a Toyota Avensis, vehicle registration number FJ13 RBF as a Private Hire Vehicle to seat 4 persons. The vehicle was preowned and was first registered at the DVLA on 1 July 2016.

The meeting was briefly adjourned for Members to inspect the vehicle.

Upon recommencing the meeting, the Legal Officer advised members that the current mileage of the vehicle was at 141,065 miles. She stated that the vehicle fell outside the Private Hire Vehicle Policy approved by the Licensing Committee. 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 outlined in paragraph 4.5 of the report.

For members' information a service history was provided which was listed in Appendix A of the report as well as an MOT dated 23 May 2018 with the mileage recorded as 127,206. An enforcement officer viewed the vehicle on 26 September 2018 and confirmed the mileage at the time as 139,391. The vehicle was presented with the following defects:

Scuff marks to the paintwork; rear nearside bumper and sill, front nearside bumper, rear fog light and front offside door (lower).

RESOLVED: The Sub-Committee considered the application to license Vehicle Registration number FJ13 RBF as a Private Hire Vehicle.

Members noted that the application falls outside the Licensing Policy at paragraph 2.1 due to the vehicles age.

Members further noted that the Policy at paragraph 2.2 allows it to be relaxed in exceptional circumstances, and examples of these were detailed in paragraph 2.4 of the Policy.

Having examined the vehicle, the Sub-Committee felt that the vehicle was exceptional in terms of its quality both interior, exterior and its safety qualities. The Sub-committee therefore granted the license.

99. **URGENT ITEMS**

None

100. **EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC**

The report/minutes relating to the following items are not for publication as they contain exempt information as defined in Paragraph 12 of Part 4 and/or Paragraph 21 of Part 5 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 as amended by the Local Government (Access to Information)(Variation)(Wales) Order 2007.

If following the application of the public interest test the Committee resolves pursuant to the Act to consider these items in private, the public will be excluded from the meeting during such consideration.

101. **APPROVAL OF EXEMPT MINUTES**

102. **APPLICATION FOR GRANT OF LICENCES**

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105. **DISCIPLINARY HEARING FOR EXISTING TAXI DRIVER**

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The meeting closed at 12:25