

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE (B) HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, CIVIC OFFICES, ANGEL STREET, BRIDGEND ON TUESDAY, 19 AUGUST 2014 AT 10.00AM

Present:

Councillor D R W Lewis - Chairperson

Councillors

P A Davies
G W Davies MBE
E Dodd

Councillors

P N John
D G Owen

Officers:-

Y Witchell - Licensing and Registration Officer
R Morris - Senior Licensing Assistant
R Hodgkinson - Legal Officer
A Rees - Senior Democratic Services Officer - Committees

411 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from the following Member for the reason so stated:-

Councillor C J James - In Hospital

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting of the Licensing Sub-Committee of 24 June and the minutes of the Special Meeting of the Licensing Sub-Committee of 25 June 2014 be approved as a true and accurate record.

412 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

413 TOWN POLICE CLAUSES ACT 1847
LOCAL GOVERNMENT (MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS) ACT 1976
APPLICATION TO LICENCE HACKNEY CARRIAGE VEHICLE

The Assistant Chief Executive - Legal and Regulatory Services submitted a report, regarding an application by Mr Chris Jenkins to licence a Skoda Rapid vehicle registration number CF63 OFS as a hackney carriage vehicle to seat four persons.

The applicant was present in support of his application and the Sub-Committee inspected the vehicle. On inspecting the vehicle, the mileage was confirmed as 38 miles.

The Sub-Committee was informed by the Licencing and Registration Officer that the date of the first registration of the vehicle was 30 January 2014. As the vehicle was less than 12 months old and had less than 10,000 miles recorded there was no service history provided. The application fell outside the Policy Guidelines for the first licensing of vehicles and which would normally be refused, however a relaxation of the Policy may be considered in exceptional circumstances.

The applicant informed the Sub-Committee that he had acquired this vehicle to replace an older vehicle in his fleet and that this vehicle had been on the forecourt of the dealership since its first registration.

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

RESOLVED: The Sub-Committee considered the application to licence a Skoda Rapid vehicle registration number CF63 OFS as a hackney carriage vehicle to seat four persons and granted the licence in view of the exceptional quality of the vehicle.

414 TOWN POLICE CLAUSES ACT 1847
LOCAL GOVERNMENT (MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS) ACT 1976
APPLICATION TO LICENCE PRIVATE HIRE VEHICLE

The Assistant Chief Executive - Legal and Regulatory Services submitted a report, regarding an application by Mr Richard David Singleton to licence a black Mercedes Benz vehicle registration number SIL 66 as a private hire vehicle to seat four persons.

The applicant was present in support of his application and on inspecting the vehicle the Sub-Committee confirmed the mileage as being 58,926 miles.

The Sub-Committee was informed by the Licensing and Registration Officer that the vehicle is pre-owned being first registered at the DVLA on 30 March 2011. The applicant had provided a full service history with the application and an MOT certificate which was carried out on 28 March 2014 at 24,768 miles. The application fell outside the Policy Guidelines for the first licensing of vehicles and which would normally be refused, however a relaxation of the Policy may be considered in exceptional circumstances.

The applicant informed the Sub-Committee that he intended to use the vehicle within his chauffeur business and since acquiring the vehicle had used it on a private contract for a specific job every day which had significantly contributed to the high mileage. He had also used the vehicle as a wedding car and at funerals. In the event of his application being successful, he intended to use the vehicle for airport runs, particularly to Heathrow Airport, which was the bulk of his business.

The applicant informed the Sub-Committee that there had been a long delay with the DVLA in getting the car registered as it was originally purchased in the applicant's company's name, which delayed him in applying for a private hire vehicle licence.

The Sub-Committee retired to consider the application further and upon their return it was

RESOLVED: That the Sub-Committee considered the application to licence a Mercedes Benz vehicle registration number SIL 66 as a Private Hire Vehicle to seat four persons. Although the application was outside the Policy, the Sub-Committee had considered the exceptional quality of the vehicle and granted the licence.

415 TOWN POLICE CLAUSES ACT 1847
LOCAL GOVERNMENT (MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS) ACT 1976
APPLICATION TO LICENCE PRIVATE HIRE VEHICLE

The Assistant Chief Executive - Legal and Regulatory Services submitted a report, regarding an application by Mr James Bickerstaff to licence a Vauxhall Insignia, vehicle registration number B15 CKE as a private hire vehicle to seat 4 persons

The Applicant was present in support of his application and on inspecting the vehicle the Sub-Committee confirmed mileage as being 87,135 miles.

The Sub-Committee was informed by the Licensing and Registration Officer that the vehicle is pre-owned and was first registered at the DVLA on 1 June 2010. The Applicant had provided a full service history for the vehicle, but had not provided an MOT certificate, although had confirmed to the Sub-Committee that he was in possession of a valid MOT certificate. The application fell outside the Policy Guidelines for the first licensing of vehicles and which would normally be refused, however a relaxation of the Policy may be considered in exceptional circumstances.

The Applicant informed the Sub-Committee that he had intended purchasing a brand new vehicle; however the cost had been prohibitive and had purchased this vehicle instead. He also informed the Sub-Committee that he drives for Driven Taxis of Porthcawl.

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

RESOLVED: That the Sub-Committee considered the application to licence a Vauxhall Insignia vehicle registration number B15 CKE as a private hire vehicle. The Sub-Committee considered that in light of the above and having considered the condition and appearance of the vehicle and the statements made the by the Applicant granted the application for a Private Hire Vehicle License in view of the exceptional quality of the vehicle.

416 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 item of business as it contains exempt information as defined in Paragraph 12 of Part 4, and 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 this item in private, with the public excluded from the meeting, as it was considered that in all the circumstances relating to the item, the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighed the public interest in disclosing the information, because the information would be prejudicial to the applicants.

| <u>Minute No.</u> | <u>Summary of Item:</u> |
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| 417 | Exempt Minutes of the Licensing Sub-Committee of 24 June 2014. |
| 418 | Application for renewal of Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Vehicle licence. |