

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE (B) HELD IN COMMITTEE ROOM 1/2, CIVIC OFFICES, ANGEL STREET, BRIDGEND ON TUESDAY, 11 NOVEMBER 2014 AT 10.00AM

Present:-

Councillor D R W Lewis - Chairperson

Councillors

P A Davies  
G W Davies MBE  
E Dodd

Councillors

C J James  
D G Owen

Officers:-

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

439 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

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

Councillor P N John - Caring for partner

440 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting of the Licensing Sub-Committee of 19 August 2014, Special Licensing Act 2003 Sub-Committee of 28 August and 5 September 2014 and the Licensing Sub-Committee of 16 September 2014 be approved as a true and accurate record subject to the name of Councillor P A Davies being added to the list of Members present in the minutes of the meeting of 16 September 2014.

441 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor D R W Lewis declared a prejudicial interest in Agenda Item 4 - Application to Licence Private Hire Vehicle and Agenda Item 13 - Application for Renewal of Licence as he had recently interviewed the Applicant and withdrew from the meeting during consideration of these items.

442 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 Peyton Travel Ltd to licence a silver Vauxhall Vivaro vehicle registration number EN60 BYB as a private hire wheelchair accessible vehicle to seat eight 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 87,506 miles.

The Sub-Committee was informed by the Licencing and Registration Officer that the vehicle is pre-owned and was first registered on 14 February 2011.

The applicant had provided a service history for the vehicle. The Licensing and Registration Officer informed the Committee that 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 for use on school contracts, private hire work and airport runs and would be available for hire at all times.

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 Vivaro vehicle registration number EN60 BYB as a private hire vehicle to seat eight persons and granted the licence in view of the exceptional quality of the vehicle.

(In view of the declaration of interest made by the Chairperson, Councillor D R W Lewis in the following application, Councillor G W Davies MBE was elected Chairperson for this item).

443 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 Stewart Granville Forrester to licence a Citroen Berlingo vehicle registration number PJ61 WGE 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 13,290 miles.

The Sub-Committee was informed by the Licensing and Registration Officer that the vehicle is pre-owned and the Applicant informed the Sub-Committee was first registered at the DVLA on 29 February 2012. The applicant had provided a full service history with the application and a valid MOT certificate which was carried out on 7 October 2014.

The applicant informed the Sub-Committee that he intended to use the vehicle as part of a contract he had with the Trecco Bay Caravan Park in the summer and for conveying passengers to the Princess of Wales Hospital for appointments, airport runs and as part of a contract with Bridgend College where he conveyed four students to college each day.

The Licencing and Registration Officer informed the Sub-Committee that the application fell outside the Policy guidelines for the first licensing of vehicles which would normally be refused, however a relaxation of the Policy may be considered in exceptional circumstances.

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 Citroen Berlingo vehicle registration number PJ61 WGE as a Private Hire Vehicle to seat four persons and granted the licence in view of the exceptional quality of the vehicle.

(Councillor D R W Lewis resumed in the Chair).

444 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>
445	Exempt Minutes of the Licensing Sub-Committee of 19 August and 16 September 2014 and Special Licensing Act 2003 Sub-Committee of 28 August 2014.
446	Applications for the grant and renewal of licenses to drive Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Vehicles.