

LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE B - WEDNESDAY, 25 MARCH 2026

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE B HELD HYBRID IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER - CIVIC OFFICES, ANGEL STREET, BRIDGEND, CF31 4WB ON WEDNESDAY, 25 MARCH 2026 AT 10:00

Present

Councillor R Williams – Chairperson

C Davies

S Easterbrook

Present Virtually

H T Bennett

Officers:

Samuel Pitchford
Kirsty Evans
Michael Pitman
Oscar Roberts

Lawyer - Litigation Team
Licensing Team Manager
Technical Support Officer – Democratic Services
Temporary Democratic Services Officer - Committees

81. Apologies for Absence

Decision Made	None.
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82. Declarations of Interest

Decision Made	There were no declarations of interest.
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83. Approval of Minutes

Decision Made	<u>RESOLVED:</u> That the minutes of the 03/02/2026 be approved as a true and accurate record.
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84. Grant of a Hackney Carriage Vehicle Licence

Decision Made	The purpose of this report, presented by the Licensing Team Manager, was to ask the Sub-Committee to determine an application for the grant of a hackney carriage vehicle licence which falls outside of the Licensing Committee's age policy guidelines. The applicant was present at the meeting. The applicant requested a hackney carriage vehicle licence for his Ford Mondeo hybrid electric vehicle. The vehicle was aged 6 years and 6 months, which is older than permitted by the Sub-Committee's policy. The applicant requested that despite its age, that the sub-committee departs from its policy in this case and considers granting a vehicle licence. The Chairperson then adjourned the meeting to inspect the vehicle at Civic Offices, Angel Street, Bridgend. They observed that the mileage was now 116,533. The members also observed the Vehicle was in excellent condition. The owner explained that the police had impounded the Renault for evidence in June 2025, following a fatal road traffic accident. The Renault was not damaged in the accident; a drunk person had been lying on the road around midnight and was run over. The owner put in an application for renewal before the licence lapsed. But he could not bring the Renault for inspection due to the impounding. <u>RESOLVED:</u> The sub-committee unanimously decided to depart from its policy
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	and grant the applications subject to standard requirements for inspection for the following reasons: a. The Renault is in excellent condition. b. A renewal application was made on time; it was only circumstances outside the operator's control that prevented a vehicle inspection. c. The applicant is an experienced operator of a taxi business and can be relied upon to abide by the inspection requirements for older vehicles. For these reasons, the committee unanimously decided to grant the applications subject to its standard inspection requirements.
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85. Urgent Items

Decision Made	None.
Date Decision Made	25 March 2026

86. Exclusion of the Public

Decision Made	<u>RESOLVED:</u> That the minutes and reports relating to the following items were not for publication 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 Local Government Act 1972 as amended by the Local Government (Access to
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	Information)(Variation)(Wales) Order 2007. Following the application of the public interest test, the Sub Committee resolved pursuant to the Act to consider these items in private, with the public being excluded from the meeting during such consideration.
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87. Approval of Exempt Minutes

Decision Made	<u>RESOLVED:</u> That the exempt minutes of the 03/02/2026 be approved as a true and accurate record.
Date Decision Made	25 March 2026

88. Disciplinary Hearing

Decision Made	This decision was exempt.
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89. Disciplinary Hearing

Decision Made	This decision was exempt.
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To observe further debate that took place on the above items, please click this [link](#)

The meeting closed at 11:10.