

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE B HELD IN COUNCIL CHAMBER, CIVIC OFFICES ANGEL STREET BRIDGEND CF31 4WB ON FRIDAY, 18 SEPTEMBER 2015 AT 10.00 AM

Present

Councillor DRW Lewis – Chairperson

PA Davies

E Dodd

Officers:

Andrea Lee – Legal Officer

Yvonne Witchell – Licensing and Registration Officer

Sarah Daniel – Democratic Services Officer - Committees

37. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from the following members:

Councillor GW Davies

Councillor C J James

Councillor P N John

38. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

39. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the Licensing Act 2003 Sub-Committee of 10 July, 28 July and 27 August 2015 and the Licensing Sub-Committee of 18 August 2015 were approved as a true and accurate record of the meetings.

40. APPLICATION TO LICENCE PRIVATE HIRE VEHICLE

The Licensing and Registration Officer submitted a report regarding an application by Forge Travel Limited to licence a Mercedes Benz Vito vehicle registration number KX14 MLY as a private hire vehicle to seat 8 persons.

The vehicle was pre-owned and was first registered with the DVLA on 1 May 2014. There was no service history as the vehicle had not reached sufficient mileage to require a service or MOT. The mileage was confirmed as 25,937.

The applicant informed the Sub-Committee that he intended to use the vehicle to add to his fleet for school contract work. He added that there was currently a long waiting list for new vehicles of this type.

The Licensing and Registration Officer informed the Sub-Committee that the application fell outside the Policy guidelines for the first licensing of vehicles and which would

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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 on their return it was:

RESOLVED: That the Sub-Committee considered the application to licence vehicle registration number KX14 MLY as a Private Hire vehicle to seat 8 persons.

Given there had been 14 days since the first registration of the vehicle it fell outside of para 2.1 of the Private Hire Vehicle Policy. Para 2.2.5 allows a relaxation of this policy in certain circumstances namely:

- Exceptional interior and exterior appearance
- Exceptional Safety standards

In considering whether there were exceptional circumstances in this case the Sub-Committee noted the age and condition of the vehicle, including the exceptional standards of safety, quality and comfort, therefore the Sub-Committee granted the application.

41. APPLICATION TO LICENCE PRIVATE HIRE VEHICLE

The Licensing and Registration Officer submitted a report regarding an application by Forge Travel Limited to licence a Mercedes Benz Vito vehicle registration number KX14 MMF as a private hire vehicle to seat 8 persons.

The vehicle is pre-owned and was first registered with the DVLA on 1 May 2014. There was no service history as the vehicle had not reached sufficient mileage to require a service or MOT. The mileage was confirmed as 24,797

The applicant informed the Sub-Committee that he intended to use the vehicle for to add to his fleet for schools contract work. He added that there was currently a long waiting list for new vehicles of this type.

The Sub-Committee were concerned that one of the back doors on the vehicle appeared to be sticking. The applicant confirmed that this in fact was a safety feature to stop the door sliding if it was parked on a hill. If the door was opened from the inside, it would open with ease and would not cause any health and safety issues.

The Licensing and Registration Officer informed the Sub-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 Sub-Committee retired to consider the application further and on their return it was:

RESOLVED: That the Sub-Committee considered the application to licence vehicle registration number KX14 MMF as a Private Hire vehicle to seat 8 persons.

Given there had been 14 days since the first registration of the vehicle it fell outside of para 2.1 of the Private Hire Vehicle Policy. Para 2.2.5 allows a relaxation of this policy in certain circumstances namely:

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In considering whether there were exceptional circumstances in this case the Sub-Committee noted the age and condition of the vehicle, including the exceptional standards of safety, quality and comfort, therefore the Sub-Committee granted the application.

42. URGENT ITEMS

None

43. 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 contain 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 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.

Minute No.	Summary of Item
44	Approval of exempt minutes
45	Application for Grant of New Licence
46	Application for Grant of New Licence

The meeting closed at 1.50 pm