

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE A HELD IN COMMITTEE ROOMS 2/3, CIVIC OFFICES ANGEL STREET BRIDGEND CF31 4WB ON TUESDAY, 27 OCTOBER 2015 AT 10.00 AM

Present

Councillor R Williams – Chairperson

P James

RD Jenkins

JE Lewis

HE Morgan

Officers:

Rachel Morris

Senior Licensing Assistant

Katia Daw

Lawyer

Andrew Rees

Senior Democratic Services Officer - Committees

41. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence for were received from the following Members for the reasons so stated:

Councillor B Jones – Dental appointment

Councillor E Venables – Holiday.

42. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

43. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Licensing Act 2003 Sub-Committee of 28 August 2015 be accepted as a true and accurate record.

44. APPLICATION TO LICENCE A PRIVATE HIRE VEHICLE

The Senior Licensing Assistant submitted a report regarding an application by Mr Paul A Brain to licence a silver Ford Tourneo registration number M6 PEY as a wheelchair accessible private hire vehicle to seat 8 persons. The vehicle had previously been licensed with the Council from 2011 until its expiry on 15 September 2015.

Mr Stephen Griffiths attended on behalf of the applicant in support of the application and the Sub-Committee adjourned the meeting in order to view the vehicle.

On inspecting the vehicle, the mileage was confirmed as being 110,000 miles.

Mr Griffiths explained that the expiry of the licence had been due to an oversight on the part of Mr Brain who operated a fleet of 75 vehicles.

The Senior Licensing Assistant 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 on their return it was:

**LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE A - TUESDAY, 27 OCTOBER 2015**

RESOLVED: That the Sub-Committee has considered the application to licence the silver Ford Tourneo registration number M6 PEY. The Sub-Committee has considered the fact it was previously licensed and the reasons why it had not been renewed.

The Sub-Committee has also considered the special policy considerations applicable for wheelchair accessible vehicles as well as the exceptional quality of the vehicle. The Sub-Committee has taken into account paragraphs 2.1, 2.2.3, 2.2.4 and 2.2.5 of its policy and granted the renewal of the licence.

45. URGENT ITEMS

There were no urgent items.

46. 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 Paragraphs 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.