

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE B HELD IN COMMITTEE ROOMS 2/3, CIVIC OFFICES ANGEL STREET BRIDGEND CF31 4WB ON TUESDAY, 31 MAY 2016 AT 10.00 AM

Present

Councillor DRW Lewis – Chairperson

GW Davies MBE
PN John

PA Davies

E Dodd

CJ James

Officers:

Katie Brook

Senior Licensing Technical Officer

Mark Galvin

Senior Democratic Services Officer - Committees

Andrea Lee

Senior Lawyer

Yvonne Witchell

Team Manager Licensing

110. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None

111. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

112. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

RESOLVED:

That the Minutes of a meeting of the Licensing Sub-Committee dated 29 March 2016, be approved as a true and accurate record.

113. APPLICATION TO LICENCE HACKNEY CARRIAGE VEHICLE

The Corporate Director Operational and Partnership Services submitted a report that asked the Sub-Committee to consider an application for the grant of a licence for a hackney carriage vehicle, due to the application falling outside the Council's policy guidelines.

Prior to the consideration of the report, Officers and Members proceeded to the basement car park to view the vehicle, with the exception of Councillors James and John who remained in the meeting and therefore took no part in the subsequent decision upon the application.

Upon returning to the meeting it was noted by the Sub-Committee that the mileage of the vehicle was 47,006.

The Team Manager Licensing advised that the application was made by Rhiannon Rainbow who was present at the meeting, and accompanied by Andrew Rainbow.

She went on to explain, that the application was to licence a Citroen Berlingo registration number CK13 PVL as a hackney carriage vehicle to seat 4 persons. The date of first registration of the vehicle was 15 July 2013, and the vehicle was not wheelchair accessible.

The Team Manager Licensing confirmed that the reason the application fell outside the Policy was due to the fact that it had not been re-registered as a hackney carriage vehicle after 18 July 2015, as well as the fact that the vehicle was not wheelchair accessible.

She then asked if the vehicle was due for its MOT renewal in July 2016, and the applicant replied that this was the case.

Mr. Rainbow confirmed that he considered that the vehicle met all the required criteria to become a hackney carriage vehicle, and that it also had a sound service history, as he was responsible for regularly servicing the vehicle.

Ms. Rainbow advised that the vehicle had not been in use the last 10 months, as she had been operating from a new vehicle and did not have sufficient resources at this time to have both of these on the road.

Members then retired to consider the application further, and upon their return, it was

RESOLVED: The Sub-Committee considered the application made by Ms. Rhiannon Rainbow, and in particular, against its Licensing Policy. Though the vehicle fell outside the policy, Members having viewed the vehicle agreed that it was in exceptional condition, and on this basis approved the granting of a licence for a hackney carriage vehicle.

114. **LOCAL GOVERNMENT (MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS) ACT 1982 APPLICATION FOR RENEWAL OF SEX ESTABLISHMENT LICENCE: THE PRIVATE SHOP, 72 BRIDGEND ROAD, ABERKENFIG**

The Corporate Director Operational and Partnership Services submitted a report, in respect of an application received from Darker Enterprises Ltd, for the renewal of the Sex Establishment Licence in respect of the above premises, and was being placed before the Sub-Committee for consideration, as powers have not been delegated under the Scheme of Delegation to Officers.

The Team Manager Licensing advised that the current licence was subject to the Council's standard conditions and to the special conditions attached at Appendix A to the report. She added that there had been no recommendations from the statutory consultees to vary the current standard or special conditions in force, and no representations or objections to the renewal of licence from the public had been received. She further added that the applicant had complied with the statutory requirements to advertise the application.

The Team Manager Licensing advised Members that the renewal fee for the application had been paid by the applicant, whilst the remainder of the report referred to guidance for Members in respect of applications of this nature, together with information regarding an applicants' Right of Appeal, should an application be refused.

RESOLVED: That the Sub-Committee renewed the Sex Establishment Licence for the above premises subject to the existing terms and conditions.

115. **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.

116. APPLICATION FOR GRANT OF NEW LICENCE

117. APPROVAL OF EXEMPT MINUTES

118. URGENT ITEMS

None.

The meeting closed at 11.05 am