

RHONDDA CYNON TAF COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

LICENSING COMMITTEE

Minutes of the meeting held at the County Borough Council Offices, The Pavilions, Cambrian Park, Clydach Vale on Tuesday, 18th October 2016 at 5:00pm.

PRESENT

County Borough Councillor A. S. Fox – in the Chair

County Borough Councillors

S. A. Bradwick	G. Smith
(Mrs) J. Cass	L. G. Walker
(Mrs) S. J. Jones	E. Webster
B. Morgan	C. J. Williams
I. Pearce	

Officers in Attendance:

Mr P J Mee - Service Director, Public Health & Protection

Mrs R. Smith – Solicitor

Mr L. Morgan – Assistant Licensing Manager

Mr G. Black – Community Safety & Licensing Manager

34. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

An apology for absence was received from County Borough Councillors J. Bunnage, K. Montague, S. Powderhill, W. D. Weeks and T. Williams.

35. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

RESOLVED - In accordance with the Code of Conduct, there were no personal declarations of interests made, pertaining to the agenda.

36. HUMAN RIGHTS ACT 1998 AND CRIME AND DISORDER ACT

RESOLVED – to note that when Members determine the licensing and registration matters before them, they have a duty not to act in a manner that is incompatible with the convention on Human Rights and the Crime and Disorder Act.

37. MINUTES

RESOLVED to approve as an accurate record the minutes of the meeting of the Licensing Committee held on the 13th September 2016.

38. LICENCES AND REGISTRATIONS ISSUED UNDER THE PROVISION OF DELEGATED POWERS

In his report, the Service Director, Public Health and Protection presented Members with details of licences and registrations issued during the period 22nd August to the 2nd October 2016. Following consideration of the report it was **RESOLVED** to note the content.

39. EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

RESOLVED – that the press and public be excluded from the meeting under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act, 1972 (as amended) for the following items of business on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information, as defined in paragraph 12 of Schedule 12A of the Act, namely, information relating to a particular individual. Transparency in the conduct of Local Authority business is desirable; however personal data relating to the conduct and capabilities of individuals will be discussed and considered. Consequently, it is considered the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing information

40. LOCAL GOVERNMENT (MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS) ACT 1976 - APPLICATION AND RENEWAL OF HACKNEY CARRIAGE/PRIVATE HIRE VEHICLE DRIVER LICENCES

In his report the Service Director, Public Health & Protection set out the details of two applications, one for the Grant of a Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Vehicle Driver Licence and one application for the renewal of Hackney Carriage/Private hire Vehicle Driver Licence, both requiring Members' determination.

1. In accordance with adopted procedures Committee received Mr KR of Cardiff, who was before Members of the Committee so that his application for the Grant of Hackney Carriage /Private Hire Vehicle Driver Licence could be considered by the Licensing Committee.

Mr KR of Cardiff agreed that the personal details set out in the report were correct and proceeded to outline the circumstances surrounding the one offence highlighted within the report. The applicant also responded to a number of questions put to him in respect of his offence and in particular the reasons as to why he was applying for a licence in Rhondda Cynon Taf.

In conclusion it was **RESOLVED** to grant the application subject to the usual standard terms and conditions and with a warning that the applicant demonstrates a bona fide intention to ply for hire within Rhondda Cynon Taf under the terms of the licence for which the application has been made.

2. The Service Director Public Health & Protection advised Members of the Committee that Mr MWD of Edwardsville was not in attendance to present his application for the renewal of Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Vehicle Driver Licence before committee and it was **RESOLVED** to defer determination of his application to the next appropriate meeting of the Licensing Committee. This would afford Mr MWD of Edwardsville the opportunity to present himself to Members so that they can consider the circumstances surrounding the offences recorded against him. However, failure to attend on a second occasion will result in the matter being determined in his absence.

41. ENFORCEMENT SUMMARY

The Service Director, Public Health & Protection presented his report outlining the most recent activity relating to enforcement activity, including any prosecution and appeals updates for the period 2nd September 2016 to the 7th October 2016. Following consideration of the report it was **RESOLVED** to note the content which had been provided for information only.

42. SUMMARY OF LICENCES ISSUED UNDER PROVISION OF DELEGATED AUTHORITY

In his report the Service Director, Public Health & Protection provided a summary of Licences and/or Registrations issued under provisions of Delegated Authority for the period 22nd August 2016 to 2nd October 2016 and it was **RESOLVED** to note the report.

A. S. Fox
Chairman

The meeting closed at 5.30pm