

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, 25th July 2017 at 5:00pm.

PRESENT

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

County Borough Councillors

A. Cox	S. Morgans
M. Diamond	E. Webster
L. Jones	D. Williams
W. Lewis	

Officers in Attendance:

Mr P J Mee - Service Director, Public Health & Protection
Mr P. Nicholls –Head of Legal – Litigation, Planning & Environment,
Community & Children’s Services
Mr G. Black – Community Safety & Licensing Manager
Mr L. Morgan – Assistant Licensing Manager

12. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

An apology for absence was received from County Borough Councillor S. A. Bradwick, S. Powderhill and T. Williams.

13. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

14. 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.

15. MINUTES

RESOLVED to approve as an accurate record the minutes of the meeting of the Licensing Committee held on the 27th June 2017.

16. INTRODUCTION

Members of the Licensing Committee were introduced to the new Police Licensing Officer, PC Kevin Scannell.

17. 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 12th June 2017 to the 9th July 2017. Following consideration of the report it was **RESOLVED** to note the content.

18. INDUCTION OF DRIVER KNOWLEDGE TEST – UPDATE ON IMPLEMENTATION

In his report the Service Director, Public Health & Protection provided an update in respect of the implementation of the Driver Knowledge Test for applicants for Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Vehicle Driver licences in the County Borough.

Committee was informed that on the 16th February 2017 Cabinet approved the implementation of a Hackney Carriage (Taxi)/Private Hire Driver Knowledge Test for Rhondda Cynon Taf County Borough Council and the required amendment to the existing policy and it was reported that from 1st September 2017 the knowledge test will take effect. Members were provided with further details of how the tests will be undertaken, the cost of each test and the expected pass score for which a pass certificate will be issued.

Following consideration of the update Members **RESOLVED** to:-

1. Note the content of the report; and,
2. Note the progress made in respect of the implementation of the Cabinet decision taken on the 16th February 2017.

19. 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

20. LOCAL GOVERNMENT (MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS) ACT 1976 – RENEWAL AND REVIEW OF HACKNEY CARRIAGE/PRIVATE HIRE VEHICLE DRIVER LICENCES

In his report the Service Director, Public Health & Protection set out the details of one application for the Renewal of a Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Vehicle Driver Licence and one application for the review of Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Vehicle Driver Licence.

1. In accordance with adopted procedures Members received Mr BTGN of Mountain Ash whose application for the Renewal of a Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Vehicle Driver Licence was before Committee.

Committee **RESOLVED** to refuse the application on the basis that Mr BTGN of Mountain Ash failed to satisfy the 'fit and proper' person criteria required in order to hold a Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Vehicle driver licence.

2. Pursuant to the meeting held on the 27th June 2017 (Minute No. 8 (5) refers) when Committee resolved to defer determination of the application of Mr MAM of Cardiff to the next appropriate meeting of the Licensing Committee in his absence, the Service Director Public Health & Protection presented his report for the review of the Joint Hackney Carriage / Private Hire Vehicle Driver Licence.

Mr MAM of Cardiff was accompanied by his wife and with the permission of the Chair; Committee received supplementary information from the applicant in support of his review.

Following consideration of the information before them, in addition to the supplementary information supplied at the meeting, Committee **RESOLVED** to revoke the licence on the basis that Mr MAM of Cardiff has failed to satisfy 'fit and proper person' criteria required in order to hold a Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Vehicle.

21. 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 17th June 2017 to the 16th July 2017. Following consideration of the report it was **RESOLVED** to note the content which had been provided for information only.

22. 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 12th June 2017 to the 9th July 2017 and it was **RESOLVED** to note the report.

A. S. Fox
Chairman

The meeting closed at 5.50pm