



RHONDDA CYNON TAF COUNCIL LICENSING COMMITTEE

Minutes of the meeting of the Licensing Committee meeting held on Tuesday, 16 October 2018 at 5.00 pm at the Council Chamber, The Pavilions, Cambrian Park. Clydach Vale, Tonypany, CF40 2XX.

County Borough Councillors - Licensing Committee Members in attendance:-

Councillor A Fox (Chair)

Councillor D Williams Councillor S Bradwick
Councillor T Williams Councillor W Lewis
Councillor S Morgans Councillor A Cox
Councillor L Jones

Officers in attendance:-

Ms L Davies, Head of Public Protection
Mr G Black, Community Safety and Licensing Manager
Mr N Evans, Licensing Enforcement Officer
Mr P Nicholls, Head of Legal - Litigation, Planning & Environment, Community & Children's Services
Mr A Morgan, Licensing Enforcement Officer
Mr M Owen, Assistant Licensing Manager

County Borough Councillors in attendance:-

Councillor R Lewis

20 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from County Borough Councillors E. Webster, S. Powderhill and P. Howe.

21 Declaration of Interest

In accordance with the Council's Code of Conduct, there were no declarations made pertaining to the agenda.

22 Human Rights Act and Crime and Disorder Act

It was **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.

23 Minutes

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the minutes of the 11th September, 2018 as an accurate reflection of the meeting.

24 To consider the Licences & Registrations issued under the provision of Delegated Powers for the period 27.08.18 - 30.09.18

The Head of Public Protection presented Members with details of licences and registrations issued during the period 27th August, 2018 and 30th September, 2018 and it was **RESOLVED** to note the content of the report.

25 To consider passing the following Resolution:

It was **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 13 of Part 4 of Schedule 12A of the Act.

26 To consider the following Application for Licensing and/or Registration:

The Head of Public Protection set out details of the following application for the review of a Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Vehicle Driver Licence.

In accordance with adopted procedures, Members received Mr RSG of Cilfynydd whose application for review of a Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Vehicle Driver Licence was before Committee.

Following consideration of the report and the evidence before them, the Committee **RESOLVED** to suspend the Joint Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Vehicle Driver's Licence as a punitive measure for a period of two months; with a strict warning regarding future conduct.

(Note: Prior to the Applicant leaving, the Chairman emphasised the need to have due regard to the warning issued by the Committee as failure to do so, may affect the determination of future applications.)

(Note: County Borough Councillor T. Williams was not present for the consideration of the above-mentioned application and County Borough Councillor A. Cox was late to the meeting and chose not to cast his vote)

27 Digitalisation of the Hackney Carriage / Private Hire Driver Application Process

The Community Safety and Licensing Manager provided Members with an update in respect of the digitalisation of the Hackney Carriage/ Private Hire Driver application process.

After receiving a demonstration of the online application process which was in its infancy, Members **RESOLVED** to receive a review of the process in the New Year.

28 Enforcement Summary (Including Appeal/Prosecution Data) for the period 01.09.18 - 05.10.18

The Head of Public Protection provided Members with the report outlining the most recent enforcement activity, including any prosecution and appeals updates for the period 1st September, 2018 to 5th October, 2018.

Following consideration of the report, the Committee **RESOLVED** to note its content.

29 Summary of Licences issued under provision of Delegated Authority for the period 27.08.18 - 30.09.18

The Head of Public Protection provided Members with the report outlining the most recent enforcement activity, including any prosecution and appeals updates for the period 27th August, 2018 to 30th September, 2018.

Following consideration of the report, the Committee **RESOLVED** to note its content.

This meeting closed at 5.40 pm

**CLLR A FOX
CHAIR.**