



RHONDDA CYNON TAF COUNCIL LICENSING COMMITTEE

Minutes of the virtual meeting of the Licensing Committee held on Tuesday, 4 May 2021 at 5.00 pm.

County Borough Councillors - Licensing Committee Members in attendance:-

Councillor A Fox (Chair)

Councillor D Williams	Councillor S Bradwick
Councillor S Powderhill	Councillor T Williams
Councillor W Lewis	Councillor S Morgans
Councillor P Howe	Councillor L Jones
Councillor L Hooper	

Officers in attendance:-

Ms L Davies, Director, Public Health, Protection and Community Services
Mr P Nicholls, Service Director, Legal Services
Ms R Hope, Temporary Head of Public Protection and Regulatory Services
Ms K Trilloe, Temporary Health Protection And Licensing Manager
Mr M Owen, Assistant Licensing Manager
Mr N Evans, Licensing Enforcement Officer
Police Constable J Roberts – South Wales Police

26 Declaration of Interest

In accordance with the Council's Code of Conduct, the following declarations were made pertaining to the agenda:

- County Borough Councillor S. Morgans declared an interest in Item 7 of the agenda: 'The applicant's employer is a family friend and I will not vote on the item'; and
- County Borough Councillor P. Howe declared an interest in Item 7 of the agenda: 'The applicant's employer is known to me and I will not vote on the item'.

27 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.

28 Minutes

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the minutes of the 23rd March 2021 as an accurate reflection of the meeting.

29 UNITE Trade Union and RCT Taxi Trade

The Temporary Head of Service for Public Protection and Regulatory Services informed the Licensing Committee of the establishment by the UNITE Union of an RCT Branch to represent the taxi drivers licenced to operate by Rhondda Cynon Taf County Borough Council.

The officer drew Members' attention to Section 3 of the report, which detailed the positive opportunities of the establishment of a Trade Union.

Members were informed of the following key issues identified by the Branch, that they would wish to explore with the Council:

- Fees and Charges- a request for a review of the current charges and a specific request that the 21/22 uplift to the fees is not implemented; and
- Pontypridd Taxi Rank- issues with its new, temporary location in Taff Street.

Members acknowledged the positive establishment of a Trade Union, which would facilitate improved discussion and engagement with the Trade and it was **RESOLVED** to endorse the establishment of the RCT Branch of UNITE Union that will represent taxi drivers licenced to operate by Rhondda Cynon Taf County Borough Council.

30 To consider the Licences & Registrations issued under the provision of Delegated Powers for the period: 08.03.21 - 18.04.21

The Director, Public Health, Protection and Community Services presented Members with details of licences and registrations issued during the period 8th March 2021 to 18th April 2021.

It was **RESOLVED** to acknowledge the update.

31 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.

32 To consider the following Applications for Licensing and/or Registration:

The Director, Public Health, Protection and Community Services set out details of the following application for the grant of a Joint Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Vehicle Driver Licence.

In accordance with adopted procedures, Members received Mr RC whose application for the grant of a Joint Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Vehicle Driver Licence was before Committee.

Following consideration of the report and the evidence before them, the Committee **RESOLVED** to refuse the application.

**33 Enforcement Summary (Including Appeal/Prosecution Data) for the period:
24.03.21 - 23.04.21**

The Director, Public Health, Protection and Community Services provided Members with the report outlining the most recent enforcement activity, including any prosecution and appeals updates for the period 24th March 2021 to 23rd April 2021.

The Committee **RESOLVED** to acknowledge the update.

**34 Summary of Licences issued under provision of Delegated Authority for
the period: 08.03.21 - 18.04.21**

The Director, Public Health, Protection and Community Services provided Members with the report outlining the Licences and/or Registrations issued under provisions of Delegated Authority for the period 8th March 2021 to 18th April 2021.

The Committee **RESOLVED** to acknowledge the update.

This meeting closed at 6.05 pm

**CLLR A FOX
CHAIR.**