

LICENSING COMMITTEE

Thursday, 11 February 2021

PRESENT: Councillor E.G. Thomas (Chair)

Councillors:

J.M. Charles, S.A. Curry, C.A. Davies, W.T. Evans, J.K. Howell, H.I. Jones, A.S.J. McPherson, J.S. Phillips, J.E. Williams and D.E. Williams

The following Officers were in attendance:

J. Power, Senior Licensing Officer
E. Jones, Licensing Lead
R. Edgecombe, Legal Services Manager
S. Rees, Simultaneous Translator
J. Corner, Technical Officer
M. Evans Thomas, Principal Democratic Services Officer
R. Lloyd, Democratic Services Officer
E. Bryer, Democratic Services Officer
K. Thomas, Democratic Services Officer

Virtual Meeting - 10.00 - 11.30 am

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors P. Edwards, A. Fox, and T.J. Jones

2. DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTERESTS.

There were no declarations of personal interest.

The Chair welcomed Councillor S Curry to the meeting following her recent appointment as a member of the Committee.

3. REVIEW OF STATEMENT OF LICENSING POLICY (LICENSING ACT 2003)

The Committee received a report on a review undertaken of the Council's Licencing Policy which was required by legislation to be undertaken every five years. It was noted that although the last review had been undertaken in 2015, Carmarthenshire's current Licencing Policy had been adopted in January 2019 following a consultation undertaken on the adoption of a Cumulative Impact Assessment in respect of Lammas Street, Carmarthen.

The Licensing Lead reported that whilst the policy review consultation had originally been scheduled to be undertaken in March 2020, that had been paused due to the Coronavirus pandemic until a more appropriate time and also to see whether the statutory review period would be extended as a consequence of that pandemic. As the 5 year review period had not been extended, the consultations on the review of the policy had been amended to focus on the main statutory areas for consultation for a limited period only, with a more detailed consultation to be undertaken when the pandemic emergency had ended.

The Committee noted that the consultation exercise had occurred between the 14th December and 10th January 2021 with approximately 2,000 individuals and organisations receiving the consultation document, the results of which were detailed within the report for consideration.

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND TO THE EXECUTIVE BOARD AND COUNCIL THAT:

- 3.1 The amended Statement of Licensing Policy be approved;
- 3.2 The existing Cumulative Impact Assessment be retained for Station Road, Llanelli and Lammas Street, Carmarthen, as detailed in Section 10 of the Policy

4. TO APPOINT COUNCILLOR S. CURRY TO SERVE ON LICENSING SUB COMMITTEE 'A'

The Committee was advised that following Councillor S. Curry's appointment onto the Licensing Committee, replacing Councillor F. Akhtar, it would need to appoint her to the subsequent vacancy on Licensing Sub Committee 'A'.

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED that Councillor S. Curry be appointed to serve on Licensing Sub Committee 'A'

5. TO SIGN AS A CORRECT RECORD THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE LICENSING COMMITTEE HELD ON THE 11TH DECEMBER, 2020

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting of the Licensing Committee held on the 11th December, 2020 be signed as a correct record.

6. EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC

RESOLVED, pursuant to the Local Government Act 1972, as amended by the Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) (Wales) Order 2007, that the public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following items as the reports contained exempt information as defined in paragraph 12 of Part 4 of Schedule 12A to the Act.

7. MR MARK DAVIES APPLICATION TO RENEW A HACKNEY CARRIAGE / PRIVATE HIRE DUAL DRIVERS LICENCE

The Committee considered an application from Mr Mark Davies of Hideaway, Pentre Road, St Clears to renew his Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Dual Driver's Licence.

The Committee interviewed Mr Davies with regard to his application and the issues raised by the Senior Licensing Officer

The Senior Licensing Officer recommended that Mr Davies' application be granted with a warning as to his future conduct.

RESOLVED that the application submitted by Mr Mark Davies for the renewal of his Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Dual Driver's Licence be granted with a warning as to his future conduct.

Reason

On the evidence presented, the Committee was satisfied that the applicant was a fit and proper person to hold a licence.

8. MR DAVID IAN ELIAS APPLICATION TO RENEW A HACKNEY CARRIAGE/PRIVATE HIRE DUAL DRIVER'S LICENCE

The Senior Licensing Officer advised the Committee that as a consequence of events having arisen subsequent to the despatch of the agenda for the meeting, he was seeking deferral of Mr Elias' application from its consideration that day.

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED that consideration of Mr David Elias' application be deferred.

9. MR. RICHARD GORDON JONES APPLICATION FOR THE GRANT OF A HACKNEY CARRIAGE / PRIVATE HIRE DUAL DRIVERS LICENCE

The Committee considered an application from Mr Richard Gordon Jones of Glannant House, College Road, Carmarthen for the grant of a Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Dual Driver's Licence.

The Committee interviewed Mr Jones with regard to his application and the issues raised by the Senior Licensing Officer

The Senior Licensing Officer recommended that Mr Jones' application be refused.

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED that the application submitted by Mr Richard Gordon Jones for the grant of a Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Dual Driver's Licence be granted with a warning as to his future conduct.

Reason

On the evidence presented the Committee was satisfied that the applicant was a fit and proper person to hold a licence.

CHAIR

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