

LICENSING COMMITTEE

MONDAY, 7 NOVEMBER 2022

PRESENT: Councillor J.M. Charles (Chair) (in person)

Councillors (In Person):

P. Cooper H. Jones B.D.J. Phillips

Councillors (Virtually):

A. Evans W.T. Evans J.K. Howell D. Jones

Also Present (In Person):

A. Vaughan Owen, Cabinet Member for Climate Change, Decarbonisation and Sustainability.

The following Officers were in attendance (In Person):

R. Edgecombe, Legal Services Manager
E. Evans, Principal Democratic Services Officer
S. Rees, Simultaneous Translator
J. Owens, Democratic Services Officer (Minute Taker)

The following Officers were in attendance (Virtually):

D. Bizby, Dyfed Powys Police Authority Representative
J. Power, Senior Licensing Officer
K. Thomas, Democratic Services Officer

Chamber - County Hall, Carmarthen. SA31 1JP and remotely - 10.00 am - 12.02 pm

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors S. Curry, K. Madge, L. Roberts and D.E.W. Williams. The Chair further advised that Cllr. W.T. Evans would be late joining the meeting.

2. DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTERESTS.

There were no declarations of personal interests.

3. TO SIGN AS A CORRECT RECORD THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE "B" HELD ON 18TH OCTOBER, 2022.

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting of the Licensing Sub-Committee "B" held on the 18th October, 2022 be signed as a correct record.

4. TO SIGN AS A CORRECT RECORD THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE LICENSING COMMITTEE HELD ON THE 11TH OCTOBER, 2022.

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting of the Licensing Committee held on the 11th October, 2022 be signed as a correct record.

5. 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.

6. MR SHAUN CRAIG LANE APPLICATION FOR THE GRANT OF A HACKNEY CARRIAGE/PRIVATE HIRE DUAL DRIVERS LICENCE.

The Committee considered an application from Mr Shaun Craig Lane of 6 Bryn Dreinog, Capel Hendre, Ammanford for the grant of a Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Dual Driver's Licence.

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

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

The Committee thereupon

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED to retire into private session in order to receive legal advice pursuant to Paragraph 16 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972.

Following the adjournment, the Committee reconvened to advise of its decision.

RESOLVED that the application submitted by Mr Shaun Craig Lane for the grant of a Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Dual Driver's Licence be granted.

Reason

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

7. MR KEVIN JONES APPLICATION FOR THE GRANT OF A HACKNEY CARRIAGE/PRIVATE HIRE DUAL DRIVERS LICENCE.

The Committee considered an application from Mr Kevin Jones of 96 Belvedere Avenue, 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.

The Committee thereupon

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED to retire into private session in order to receive legal advice pursuant to Paragraph 16 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972.

Following the adjournment, the Committee reconvened to advise of its decision.

RESOLVED that the application submitted by Mr Kevin Jones for the grant of a Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Dual Driver's Licence be granted.

Reason

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

8. MR STUART PROTHEROE HACKNEY CARRIAGE/PRIVATE HIRE DUAL DRIVERS LICENCE.

The Committee was informed that Mr Stuart Protheroe of 14 Heol Buckley, Llanelli was a licensed hackney carriage/private hire dual driver with this Authority.

The Senior Licensing Officer informed the Committee members of the issues that had arisen in respect of his licence.

The Committee interviewed Mr Prothero with regard to the issues raised by the Senior Licensing Officer.

The Senior Licensing Officer recommended that Mr Prothero's licence be revoked.

The Committee thereupon:

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED to retire into private session in order to receive legal advice pursuant to Paragraph 16 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972.

Following the adjournment, the Committee reconvened to advise of its decision.

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED that, in line with the Officer's recommendations, Mr Stuart Prothero's Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Dual Drivers Licence be revoked.

Reason:

On the evidence presented, the Committee was satisfied that there was reasonable cause to revoke the licence.

CHAIR _____

DATE _____