

LICENSING COMMITTEE

27 JUNE 2023

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

Councillors (In Person):

P. Cooper	J.K. Howell	H. Jones	B.D.J. Phillips
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Councillors (Virtually):

A. Evans	W.T. Evans	D. Jones	M.J.A. Lewis
K. Madge			

Also Present (In Person):

R. Edgecombe, Legal Services Manager;
E. Evans, Principal Democratic Services Officer;
A. Eynon, Principal Translator;
J. Owen, Democratic Services Officer.

Also Present (Virtually):

J. Power, Senior Licensing Officer;
S. Hendy, Member Support Officer.

Chamber, County Hall, Carmarthen SA31 1JP and remote: 10:00am - 10:57am

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors L. Roberts and D. E. Williams

2. DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTERESTS.

There were no declarations of personal interests.

3. APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO SIT ON LICENSING SUB COMMITTEES FOR THE 2023-24 MUNICIPAL YEAR

The Committee considered a report on the provisions of the Licensing Act 2003 detailing the proposed composition of Licensing Sub Committees "A" and "B" for 2023/24 Municipal Year.

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED that the composition of Licensing Sub Committees "A" and "B" for the 2023/24 Municipal Year be as follows:

Licensing Sub Committee "A"

Councillor Suzy Curry, Councillor Mansel Charles, Councillor Alex Evans, Councillor Tyssul Evans, Councillor Ken Howell, Councillor Peter Cooper with one vacancy.

Licensing Sub Committee “B”

Councillor Hefin Jones, Councillor Jean Lewis, Councillor Dorian Phillips, Councillor Elwyn Williams, Councillor Dot Jones, Councillor Kevin Madge and Councillor Louvain Roberts.

4. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRS OF LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEES FOR THE 2023-24 MUNICIPAL YEAR

The Committee considered nominations for Chairs of the Licensing Sub Committees for the 2023/24 Municipal Year.

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED

4.1 that Councillor M. Charles be appointed Chair of Licensing Sub Committee “A” for the 2023/24 Municipal Year;

4.2 that Councillor D.E. Williams be appointed Chair of Licensing Sub Committee “B” for the 2023/24 Municipal Year.

5. TO SIGN AS A CORRECT RECORD THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE "A" HELD ON 20TH APRIL 2023

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting of the Licensing Committee Sub-Committee A held on the 20th April, 2023 be signed as a correct record.

6. TO SIGN AS A CORRECT RECORD THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE "B" HELD ON:-

6.1. 13TH APRIL 2023

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting of the Licensing Committee Sub-Committee B held on the 13th April, 2023 be signed as a correct record.

6.2. 8TH JUNE 2023

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting of the Licensing Committee Sub-Committee B held on the 8th June, 2023 be signed as a correct record.

7. TO SIGN AS A CORRECT RECORD THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE LICENSING COMMITTEE HELD ON THE 4TH APRIL, 2023.

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting of the Licensing Committee held on the 4th April, 2023 be signed as a correct record.

8. PRIVATE HIRE VEHICLE LICENCE

The Committee considered an application Mr Geoffrey Karin Davies of Airport Flyer, 37a New Road, Dafen, Llanelli for an exemption from conditions 5a and 5b of the Council's Licence Conditions for Private Hire Vehicles PH 546 a Kia Optima registration number CP18 UTF, Private Hire PH 567 a Ford Tourneo registration number SA72 GPF and Private Hire PH 509a Renault Traffic registration number CU18 HXB.

It was reported that as it was Mr Davies' intention to operate the vehicle for executive hire, airport/sea port work only, he had requested an exemption from conditions 5a and 5b of the Council's Licence Conditions, namely, that he be not required to display door stickers and a licence plate on the rear bumper of his vehicle.

The Committee was advised that should it agree to grant Mr Davies an exemption, the following conditions would be attached to the Licence:-

- I. That Private Hire PH 546 a Kia Optima registration number CP18 UTF, Private Hire PH 567 a Ford Tourneo registration number SA72 GPF and Private Hire PH 509 a Renault Traffic registration number CU18 HXB be exempt from licence conditions 5a and 5b, whilst being used for Executive Hire purposes as outlined in the application by Mr Davies.
- II. That should the vehicle be used for Private Hire other than Executive Hire type work listed, then the applicant shall immediately notify the Licensing Authority and the exemption shall cease in relation to such hiring.
- III. That the vehicle displays an identification disc on the front and rear windcreens, as specified by the Licensing Authority.

RESOLVED that the application submitted by Mr Geoffrey Karin Davies for an exemption from Conditions 5a and 5b of the Council's Licence Conditions for Private Hire Vehicles for Private Hire Vehicles PH 546 a Kia Optima registration number CP18 UTF, Private Hire PH 567 a Ford Tourneo registration number SA72 GPF and Private Hire PH 509 a Renault Traffic registration number CU18 HXB be granted.

9. 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 14 of Part 4 of Schedule 12A to the Act.

10. MR GEOFFREY KARIN DAVIES - APPLICATION FOR A HACKNEY CARRIAGE/PRIVATE HIRE DUAL DRIVERS LICENCE

The Committee was informed that an application had been received from Mr Geoffrey Karin Davies of 37a New Road, Dafen, Llanelli, for the grant of a 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 be issued with a warning as to his future conduct.

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED that, in line with the Council's guidelines, Mr Geoffrey Karin Davies' application be granted with a warning as to his future conduct.

11. MR LEE JENKINS - APPLICATION FOR A HACKNEY CARRIAGE/PRIVATE HIRE DUAL DRIVERS LICENCE

The Senior Licensing Officer referred to the application received from Mr Lee Jenkins of 89 James Street, Llanelli for the grant of a Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Dual Driver's Licence and requested that its consideration be deferred to the next meeting in order for additional information to be obtained.

RESOLVED that the application submitted by Mr Lee Jenkins for the grant of a Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Dual Driver's Licence be deferred to a future meeting of the Committee.

12. MR JONATHAN THOMAS JONES - APPLICATION FOR A HACKNEY CARRIAGE/PRIVATE HIRE DUAL DRIVERS LICENCE

The Committee was informed that an application had been received from Mr Jonathan Thomas Jones of 44 Glenalla Road, Llanelli, for the grant the renewal 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 be issued with a warning as to his future conduct.

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED that, in line with the Council's guidelines, Mr Jonathan Thomas Jones' application be granted with a warning as to his future conduct.

13. MR CARWYN DAVIES - APPLICATION FOR A HACKNEY CARRIAGE/PRIVATE HIRE DUAL DRIVERS LICENCE

The Committee was informed that an application had been received from Mr Carwyn Davies of Iscoed, Llanybydder for the grant of a 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 be issued with a warning as to his future conduct.

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED that, in line with the Council's guidelines, Mr Carwyn Davies' application be granted with a warning as to his future conduct.

CHAIR

DATE