

Licensing Committee

Tuesday, 5 April 2022

**PRESENT:** Councillor E.G. Thomas (Chair)

**Councillors:**

J.M. Charles, W.T. Evans, H.I. Jones, A.S.J. McPherson, B.D.J. Phillips, J.S. Phillips, J.E. Williams and D.E. Williams

**The following Officers were in attendance:**

J. Power, Senior Licensing Officer  
R. Edgecombe, Legal Services Manager  
E. Evans, Principal Democratic Services Officer [webcasting]  
E. Bryer, Democratic Services Officer  
J. Owens, Democratic Services Officer [note taker]

**Virtual Meeting - 10.00 - 11.43 am**

*[NOTE: The Chair advised the Committee that, in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 2(3) he was going to vary the order of business on the agenda to enable the technical issue experienced by Cllr H.I. Jones (Chair of Licensing Sub Committee B) to be resolved. These minutes reflect the order of business as itemised on the agenda].*

**1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors S. Curry, P. Edwards and A. Fox.

**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 THE 15TH FEBRUARY 2022**

**UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting of Licensing Sub Committee 'B' held on the 15<sup>TH</sup> February, 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 17TH FEBRUARY 2022**

**UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting of Licensing Committee held on the 17<sup>th</sup> February, 2022 be signed as a correct record.

## 5. EXCLUSION OF 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 MOHAMMAD ASHRAF - HACKNEY CARRIAGE/PRIVATE HIRE DUAL DRIVERS LICENCE

[Note: Mr Ashraf was in attendance by telephone].

The Committee was informed that Mr Mohammad Ashraf of Meadow Croft, Bronwydd Arms, Carmarthen is a licensed Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Dual Driver with the Authority and that an issue had arisen with regard to his licence.

The Committee received for consideration written representations submitted by Dyfed Powys Police Authority.

The Committee interviewed Mr Ashraf with regard to that issue.

The Senior Licensing Officer recommended that Mr Ashraf be issued with a warning as to his future conduct.

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 Council's guidelines, Mr Mohammad Ashraf be issued with a warning as to his future conduct.

## 7. MR DONALD LYN EVANS - APPLICATION FOR THE GRANT OF A HACKNEY CARRIAGE/PRIVATE HIRE DUAL DRIVERS LICENCE

The Committee considered an application from Mr Donald Lyn Evans of 1 Llwyd Road, Ammanford for the grant of a Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Dual Driver's Licence.

The Committee received for consideration written representations submitted by Dyfed Powys Police Authority.

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

The Senior Licensing Officer recommended that Mr Evans' 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 Donald Lyn Evans 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.

**8. MR MARK EDWARD JOHN - APPLICATION FOR THE GRANT OF A HACKNEY CARRIAGE/PRIVATE HIRE DUAL DRIVERS LICENCE**

The Committee considered an application from Mr Mark Edward John of 18 Brynderwen, Carmarthen for the grant of a Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Dual Driver's Licence.

The Committee received for consideration written representations submitted by Dyfed Powys Police Authority.

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

The Senior Licensing Officer recommended that Mr John'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.

**UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED that the application submitted by Mr Mark Edward John for the grant of a Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Dual Driver's Licence be refused.**

Reason

On the evidence presented the Committee was not satisfied that the applicant was a fit and proper person to hold a licence.

**9. MRS SARAH HELENA HAVARD - HACKNEY CARRIAGE/PRIVATE HIRE  
DUAL DRIVERS LICENCE**

The Committee was informed that Mrs Sarah Helena Havard of 52 Banc-Y-Ddraenen Ammanford, was a licensed Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Dual Driver with the Authority and that an issue had arisen with regard to her licence.

The Senior Licensing Officer advised that Mrs Sarah Helena Havard was not in attendance at the meeting and had failed to engage with the Authority regarding the correspondence issued to her. The Committee, having regard to the above

**UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED to determine the matter in the absence of Mrs Sarah Helena Havard.**

The Committee received a report from the Senior Licensing Officer providing details of the issue. He recommended that Mrs Havard's Carriage/Private Hire Dual Drivers Licence be revoked.

The Committee thereupon

**UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED that, in line with the Officer's recommendations, Mrs Havard'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.

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**CHAIR**

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