

MONMOUTHSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Licensing and Regulatory Committee held at County Hall, Usk on Tuesday 29th July 2014 at 10.00 a.m.

PRESENT: County Councillor: L. Guppy (Chairman)

County Councillors: R. Chapman, D.J. Evans, R.J. Higginson, J. Prosser, B. Strong, F. Taylor and P. Watts.

Also in attendance County Councillor G. Howard.

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Mr D. Jones	-	Head of Public Health and Culture
Mrs L. O' Gorman	-	Principal Licensing Officer
Mrs P. Perkins	-	Legal Assistant
Mr N. Hilton	-	Gwent Police
Mrs S. King	-	Senior Democratic Services Officer

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

1. Apologies for absence were received from County Councillors R. Edwards, M. Hickman, S. Howarth and A. Webb.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

2. There were no declarations of interest.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

3. The minutes of the Licensing and Regulatory Committee meeting held on Tuesday 17th June 2014 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

4. We resolved that the press and public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following item in accordance with Section 100(A) of the Local Government Act 1972 on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 12 of Part 4 of Schedule 12(A) of the Act.

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REPORTS OF THE SENIOR LICENSING OFFICER

5. We received the following reports presented by the Senior Licensing Officer:

i) To consider whether to issue a Scrap Metal Collector Licence

We received an application in respect of a Scrap Metal Collector Licence, this was the first application to be considered under the new policy.

The Officer advised that the committee would be able to ask questions to assist the Cabinet Member, the final decision would be made by the Cabinet Member.

The Chairman welcomed the applicant to the meeting and introduced Members of the Committee and the attending Officers and explained the protocol for the meeting.

The applicant confirmed their name and address to the Committee. The Principal Licensing Officer explained that the applicant had the right to legal representation and asked if the applicant was happy to continue without it, to which the applicant responded that they were. The applicant confirmed receipt of the report.

The key issues and details of the application were read out to the Committee. The applicant confirmed the contents of the report as correct and was then given the opportunity to address the Committee, to put forward any relevant explanations. Following this, Members of the Committee put forward questions to the applicant and discussion ensued.

Following questioning, the Cabinet Member and Legal Officer left the meeting for the Cabinet Member to deliberate the decision.

Upon re-commencement, the Cabinet Member advised that he had resolved, that the application had been considered and a Scrap Metal Collector Licence would not be granted.

The Chairman advised the applicant of his right to appeal.

ii) To consider an Application in Respect of a Hackney Carriage / Private Hire Driver Licence.

The Chairman welcomed the applicant to the meeting and introduced Members of the Committee and the attending Officers and explained the protocol for the meeting.

The applicant confirmed their name and address to the Committee. The Principal Licensing Officer explained that the applicant had the right to legal representation and asked if the applicant was happy to continue without it, to which the applicant responded that they were. The applicant confirmed receipt of the report.

The key issues and details of the application were read out to the Committee.

The applicant confirmed the contents of the report as correct and was then given the opportunity to address the Committee, to put forward any relevant explanations.

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Following this, Members of the Committee put forward questions to the applicant and discussion ensued.

Following questioning, Officers and the applicant left the meeting to allow the Committee the opportunity to deliberate and discuss the findings.

Upon re-commencement, the Chairman advised that the Committee had resolved, that the applicant was a fit and proper person to be granted a Hackney Carriage / Private Hire drivers licence.

The Committee resolved to issue a Hackney Carriage/Private Hire drivers licence.

The applicant was thanked for their attendance and left the meeting.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

6. We noted the date of the next Licensing and Regulatory Committee as Tuesday 30th September 2014, 10am at County Hall, Usk.

The meeting ended at 11.50am.