

Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Licensing and Regulatory Committee held at County Hall, Usk on Thursday 25th June 2015 at 10.00 a.m.

PRESENT: County Councillor: L. Guppy (Chairman)

County Councillors: R. Edwards, D.J. Evans, P. Jones, R.J. Higginson, J. Prosser, F. Taylor, B. Strong, P. Watts and A.E. Webb.

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Mrs. L. O’Gorman	-	Principal Licensing Officer
Mr. C. Rann	-	Senior Licensing Officer
Ms. D. Davies	-	Social Services
Mrs P. Perkins	-	Legal Assistant
Mr. R. Williams	-	Democratic Services Officer

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

We received apologies for absence from County Councillor R.F. Chapman.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

The Committee agreed that the agenda order would be changed, as follows:

Item 4. Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Drivers Licence
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3. EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

We resolved to exclude the press and public from the meeting during consideration of the following items of business in accordance with Section 100A of the Local Government Act 1972 on the grounds that they involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 12 of Part 4 of Schedule 12A to the Act.

4. HACKNEY CARRIAGE/PRIVATE HIRE DRIVERS LICENCE

County Councillor F. Taylor arrived during the hearing and therefore took no part in the proceedings in respect of this application.

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 and confirmed that they were content to proceed without legal representation.

It was noted that consideration of the application had been deferred at the Licensing and Regulatory Meeting held on 9th June 2015 to receive further information.

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The Principal Licensing Officer provided the Committee with details of a complaint made by the applicant.

The Senior Licensing Officer presented a report which recommended that Members consider and determine whether the applicant for a Hackney Carriage/Private Hire drive was a fit and proper person to continue to hold a licence.

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

The applicant was then provided with 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, 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 considered the application and had resolved that the licence would not be revoked but issued a stern warning to the applicant.

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It was noted that consideration of the application had been deferred at the Licensing and Regulatory Meeting held on 9th June 2015, as the applicant was on holiday.

The Principal Licensing Officer presented a report which recommended that Members consider and determine whether the applicant for a Hackney Carriage/Private Hire drive was a fit and proper person to continue to hold a licence.

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The meeting ended at 11.50am.