

MONMOUTHSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

**Minutes of the meeting of Licensing and Regulatory Committee held
at The Council Chamber, County Hall, Rhadyr. Usk. NP15 1GA on Tuesday, 14th
January, 2020 at 10.00 am**

PRESENT: County Councillor B. Strong (Chairman)
County Councillor J. Higginson (Vice Chairman)

County Councillors: S. Howarth, A. Easson, M. Lane, J. Treharne,
R. Edwards, D. Evans and L. Guppy

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE:

David Jones	Head of Public Protection
Linda O'Gorman	Principal Licensing Officer
Richard Williams	Democratic Services Officer

APOLOGIES:

County Councillor A. Webb.

1. Declarations of Interest

None.

2. Review Of Annual Licensing Fees For Financial Year 2020/2021

We received a report regarding the annual Licensing Fees for the financial year 2020/2021.

Having considered the report, we resolved:

- (i) to approve the fees set out in Appendix A to the report, entitled "Schedule of Licence Fees for 2020-21", subject, where relevant, to any required public notice.
- (ii) any objections, duly made, regarding fees for the grant of licences for hackney carriage and private hire vehicles be brought back to Committee at the earliest opportunity for due consideration.

3. Confirmation of Minutes

The Licensing and Regulatory Committee Minutes dated 28th November 2019 were confirmed and signed by the Chair.

In doing so, the following points were noted:

- Draft Licensing Policy 2020 – The draft policy will be presented to full Council for approval in the coming months.

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- Street Trading in Abergavenny - Block Street Trading Consents as of February 2020. The Town Council is looking to work with Monmouthshire County Council's Estates Department with a view to taking this matter forward. A report will be presented to the Committee in due course.
- Application for the licensing of a Tuk Tuk as a Private Hire Vehicle – The Licensing Department has been in contact with Llanfoist Depot with a view to providing a venue. A date is being established for February 2020 whereby The Committee will be able to view the vehicle. The Chair and Vice Chair, with a Licensing Officer, will travel the proposed route in the vehicle.

In response to a question raised, it was noted that in order to obtain a similar comparison, we should be looking at rural authorities that might be licensing the operation of this type of vehicle. However, it was noted that Cardiff City Council was the only authority that had responded to Monmouthshire County Council's Licencing Department that had a policy in place regarding this matter.

4. Next Meeting

Tuesday 25th February 2020 at 10.00am.

The meeting ended at 10.17 am.