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County Hall
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NP15 1GA

Monday, 19 February 2024

Notice of meeting

Licensing and Regulatory Committee

Tuesday, 27th February, 2024 at 10.00 am
The Council Chamber, County Hall, The Rhadyr, Usk, NP15 1GA with
remote attendance

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Paul Matthews

Chief Executive

MONMOUTHSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
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THE CONSTITUTION OF THE COMMITTEE IS AS FOLLOWS:

County Councillor Lisa Dymock	Portskewett;	Welsh Conservative Party
County Councillor Tony Easson	Dewstow;	Welsh Labour/Llafur Cymru
County Councillor Christopher Edwards	St. Kingsmark;	Welsh Conservative Party
County Councillor Simon Howarth	Llanelly Hill;	Independent Group
County Councillor Jane Lucas	Osbaston;	Welsh Conservative Party
County Councillor Jayne McKenna	Mitchel Troy and Trellech United;	Welsh Conservative Party
County Councillor Alistair Neill	Gobion Fawr;	Welsh Conservative Party
County Councillor Sue Riley	Bulwark and Thornwell;	Welsh Labour/Llafur Cymru
County Councillor Dale Rooke	Chepstow Castle & Larkfield;	Welsh Labour/Llafur Cymru
County Councillor Jackie Strong	Caldicot Cross;	Welsh Labour/Llafur Cymru
County Councillor Tudor Thomas	Park;	Welsh Labour/Llafur Cymru
County Councillor Armand Watts	Bulwark and Thornwell;	Welsh Labour/Llafur Cymru

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Aims and Values of Monmouthshire County Council

Our purpose

To become a zero-carbon county, supporting well-being, health and dignity for everyone at every stage of life.

Objectives we are working towards

- Fair place to live where the effects of inequality and poverty have been reduced.
- Green place to live and work with reduced carbon emissions and making a positive contribution to addressing the climate and nature emergency.
- Thriving and ambitious place, where there are vibrant town centres and where businesses can grow and develop.
- Safe place to live where people have a home where they feel secure in.
- Connected place where people feel part of a community and are valued.
- Learning place where everybody has the opportunity to reach their potential.

Our Values

Openness. We are open and honest. People have the chance to get involved in decisions that affect them, tell us what matters and do things for themselves/their communities. If we cannot do something to help, we'll say so; if it will take a while to get the answer we'll explain why; if we can't answer immediately we'll try to connect you to the people who can help – building trust and engagement is a key foundation.

Fairness. We provide fair chances, to help people and communities thrive. If something does not seem fair, we will listen and help explain why. We will always try to treat everyone fairly and consistently. We cannot always make everyone happy, but will commit to listening and explaining why we did what we did.

Flexibility. We will continue to change and be flexible to enable delivery of the most effective and efficient services. This means a genuine commitment to working with everyone to embrace new ways of working.

Teamwork. We will work with you and our partners to support and inspire everyone to get involved so we can achieve great things together. We don't see ourselves as the 'fixers' or problem-solvers, but we will make the best of the ideas, assets and resources available to make sure we do the things that most positively impact our people and places.

Kindness: We will show kindness to all those we work with putting the importance of relationships and the connections we have with one another at the heart of all interactions.

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MONMOUTHSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Licensing and Regulatory Committee held at The Council Chamber, County Hall, The Rhadyr, Usk, NP15 1GA with remote attendance on Tuesday, 16th January, 2024 at 10.00 am

PRESENT: County Councillor Tudor Thomas (Chair)
County Councillor Jayne McKenna (Vice-Chair)

County Councillors: Lisa Dymock, Tony Easson,
Christopher Edwards, Simon Howarth, Jane Lucas, Alistair Neill,
Sue Riley, Dale Rooke, Jackie Strong and Armand Watts

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE:

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

APOLOGIES:

None

1. Declarations of Interest

None received.

2. Confirmation of Minutes

The minutes of the Licensing and Regulatory Committee meeting held on 5th September 2023 were confirmed and signed by the Chair.

3. Review of Annual Licensing Fees for Financial Year 2024/25

The Principal Licensing Officer presented the Review of Annual Licensing Fees for the Financial Year 2024/25 report.

<https://www.youtube.com/live/h9tz41Ucxfs?si=KVhYtnP-YfyXoDik&t=180>

We resolved:

- (i) to approve the fees set out in Appendix A to the report, entitled "Schedule of Licence Fees for 2024-25", subject, where relevant, to any required public notice;
- (ii) that any objections, duly made, regarding fees for the grant of licences for hackney carriage and private hire vehicles be brought back to the Licensing and Regulatory Committee at the earliest opportunity for due consideration.

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4. Exclusion of the Press and Public

We excluded the press and public from the meeting during consideration of the following item of business in accordance with Section 100A of the Local Government Act 1972, as amended, on the grounds that it involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 12 of Part 4 of Schedule 12A to the Act.

5. To consider whether the driver is "Fit and Proper" to hold a Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Drivers Licence

We resolved to defer consideration of an application for a Hackney Carriage / Private Hire Drivers Licence to a future meeting of the Licensing and Regulatory Committee, as the applicant had been unable to attend today's meeting due to a family bereavement.

6. Next Meeting

Tuesday 27th February 2024 at 10.00am.

The meeting ended at 10.20 am.

SCHEDULE 12A LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972 EXEMPTION FROM DISCLOSURE OF DOCUMENTS

REPORT: To consider whether the driver is “Fit and Proper” to hold a Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Drivers Licence.

AUTHOR: Samantha Winn

MEETING AND DATE OF MEETING: Licensing & Regulatory Committee, 27th February 2024 at 10am

I have considered grounds for exemption of information contained in the report referred to above and make the following recommendation to the Proper Officer:-

Exemptions applying to the report:

Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information).

Factors in favour of disclosure:

Public Confidence in probity of Council’s financial affairs

Prejudice which would result if the information were disclosed:

Advance disclosure of auction reserve or anticipated receipt.

My view on the public interest test is as follows:

Disclosure may artificially depress expected capital receipt.

Recommended decision on exemption from disclosure:

Maintain exemption – do not disclose

Date: 20th February 2024

Signed: Samantha Winn

Post: Licensing Officer

I accept/do not accept the recommendation made above.

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Date: 20/02/24 _____

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