

MONMOUTHSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

**Minutes of the meeting of Taxi and Regulatory Committee held
In the Council Chamber, County Hall, The Rhadyr USK on Tuesday, 16th September,
2025 at 10.00 am**

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

County Councillors: Tony Easson, Christopher Edwards,
Simon Howarth, Jane Lucas, Jayne McKenna, Alistair Neill,
M. Newell, Sue Riley, Dale Rooke, Jackie Strong, Tudor Thomas
and Armand Watts

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Jane Rodgers	Chief Officer for Social Care, Safeguarding and Health
Taylor Watts	Licensing Officer
Julian Sanders	Solicitor
Richard Williams	Democratic Services Officer

APOLOGIES:

None received.

1. Declarations of Interest

None received.

2. Confirmation of Minutes

The following Minutes were confirmed as an accurate record:

- Licensing and Regulatory Committee dated 20th May 2025.
- Licensing and Regulatory Rights of Way Committee dated 1st July 2025.
- Taxi and Regulatory Rights of Way Committee dated 23rd July 2025.

3. Taxi and Private Hire Policy and Conditions 2026.

The Committee reviewed Monmouthshire's Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Policy and Conditions.

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It was proposed by County Councillor Tony Easson and seconded by County Councillor Jackie Strong that the Taxi and Private Hire Policy and Conditions 2026 go forward to the next stage of the consultation process.

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Upon being put to the vote, the following votes were recorded:

In favour of the proposal	-	8
Against the proposal	-	4
Abstentions	-	0

The proposition was carried.

The Committee resolved that the Taxi and Private Hire Policy and Conditions 2026 go forward to the next stage of the consultation process.

4. Application for Street Trading Consent (Mobile) for Deri Haus Icecream.

We considered an application for mobile street trading consent for Deri haus Icecream.

The days and times requested by the applicant are as follows:

- Monday & Tuesday – 12:00 -19:00
- Thursday & Friday – 16:00 - 19:00
- Saturday – 14:00 - 19:00
- Sunday – 14:00 - 18:00

The streets applied for are within Magor, Undy, Rogiet and Caldicot, as outlined in the report of the application.

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The Licensing Officer informed the Committee that the applicant was unable to attend today's meeting and had sent her apologies. The applicant had confirmed that she was content for the application to be heard by the Committee in her absence.

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

The Committee noted Section 7 of Monmouthshire County Council's Street Trading Policy 2016 which states:

- The use shall not be in direct competition, in terms of goods primarily sold, with that provided by a nearby retail shop, restaurant or hot food take-away, those holding a street trading consent and market place (which includes block consents) The use shall not be located within 100 metres of an existing shop, restaurant, hot food take-away, those holding a street trading consent and market (which includes block consents) which primarily sells the same goods. – This may be relaxed for one-off or short-term applications.

Following questioning, the Committee Members and the Monmouthshire County Council Solicitor left the meeting to deliberate and discuss the findings.

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Upon re-commencement, the Chair advised that the Committee had considered the application and had resolved to approve the application for mobile street trading consent for the streets outlined in Appendix D of the report of the application. Also, that Section 7 of Monmouthshire County Council's Street Trading Policy 2016 be reviewed.

5. Application for Block Street Trading Consent – Only Foodz.

We considered an application for block street trading consent made by Mrs Kelly Gettings for 3 pitches at Bulwark Industrial Estate.

The days and times requested by the applicant are as follows:

- Monday - Saturday – 09:00-23:00
- Sunday - 10:00 –23:00

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The Chair 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 receipt of the report and hearing procedure and acknowledged that she would proceed without legal representation.

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

Two written letters of objection to the application had been received and were read out to the Committee by the Chair.

The applicant was then given the opportunity to address the Committee, to put forward any relevant explanations. Mr Kyle Gettings spoke on behalf of the applicant during the hearing. Following this, Members of the Committee put forward questions to the applicant and discussion ensued. The applicant was then given the opportunity to sum up.

A written response by the applicant to the letters of objection had been received and was read out to the Committee by the Chair.

Following questioning, the Committee Members and the Monmouthshire County Council Solicitor left the meeting to deliberate and discuss the findings.

Upon re-commencement, the Chair advised that the Committee had considered the application and had resolved to approve the application for block street trading consent for three pitches at Bulwark Industrial Estate.

Reasons given by the Committee for their decision to approve the application:

- This was a reasonable application, and reasonable steps have been taken into food hygiene and looking after people in a sensible way.

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- This was a well-maintained application and the objections raised have been addressed by the applicant.
- We have a duty to support small and medium enterprises and to be seen to support these enterprises and we wish the applicant all the best.
- We encourage this sort of business and if things do go wrong, the Local Authority can review.

Recommendation:

- If large numbers of people are attending the premises there should be sufficient door staff and sufficient staff on site to ensure the safety of all customers who are on site.

Conditions:

- Mrs Gettings to implement a policy for safeguarding children and vulnerable people.

The meeting ended at 1.38 pm.