

MONMOUTHSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Licensing and Regulatory Committee held at County Hall, Usk on Tuesday 21st July 2015 at 10.00 a.m.

PRESENT: County Councillor: L. Guppy (Chairman)

County Councillors: R. Chapman, D.J. Evans, M. Hickman, R.J. Higginson, B. Strong and P. Watts.

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Mrs. L. O’Gorman	- Principal Licensing Officer
Mrs. S. Winn	- Senior Licensing Officer
Mrs. P. Perkins	- Legal Assistant
Mrs. T. Harry	- Head of Democracy and Regulatory Services
Mrs. N. Perry	- Democratic Services Officer

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

We received apologies for absence from County Councillors R. Edwards, F. Taylor and A. Webb.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

3. MINUTES

We confirmed and signed the following minutes of the Licensing and Regulatory Committee:

- Tuesday 9th June 2015.
- Thursday 25th June 2015 – Special Meeting

4. EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

We agreed to exclude the press and public from the meeting during consideration of the following item of business as it involved the likely disclosure of exempt information.

5. HACKNEY CARRIAGE/PRIVATE HIRE DRIVERS 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 and confirmed that they were content to proceed without legal representation.

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The Principal Licensing Officer explained the procedure of the meeting to 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 Drivers Licence was a fit and proper person 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 be issued, but issued a stern warning to the applicant.

6. TIME AND DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date and time of the next meeting was confirmed as Tuesday 15th September 2015 at 10.00am

The meeting ended at 10.25am.