

### Consultation Comments Committee Set Fees

Comments 1-3 Below relate to Home Boarding licence holders. Comments 4-6 relate to taxi licensed trade.

1. I am happy to pay a reasonable licence fee but I would really like to see effective efforts to catch people who are trading without the relevant licence.
2. Happy to pay an increase but we also pay high council tax fees with very little return high tax bands and with the increase in the cost of living. Also what about the unlicensed boarders who never seem to be penalised
3. Home Boarding: I think the licence fee increase is fair and I am happy to pay it to conform to the regulations, to show that we have the welfare of the dogs at heart, but I wonder how unlicensed boarders don't seem to be followed up. I feel that they should be and this should be publicised in the council newsletters to act as a deterrent to others and to inform dog owners. We have had so many customers who didn't realise that a home boarder needed a licence. Would like stricter punishment for unlicensed
4. we already pay more than enough and receive very little in return
5. any fee increase during the current cost of living crisis would not be realistic or fair on members of the trade
6. Good morning Lee, in regards to the price increases for the licensing fees, I would like to put forward my opinion. I believe if anything, they should lower the cost of badge licensing fees, to help people get into the industry. I feel as though if you are to increase the badge prices, we will no longer get interest off the general public to become drivers. I believe it will make it harder for people to actually get badges so they can work and support themselves in this cost of living crisis, decreasing the amount of people becoming taxi drivers which is currently there's a 20% of shortages in the country, of drivers currently. We need more drivers if anything but people are put off by the cost of acquiring the badge itself. I believe if you reduce the cost of the badge, you could offset the costs by increasing the costs of the vehicle license, and I personally who has over 40 licensed vehicles in the Caerphilly county borough, would be happy to pay more even double if it increases the drivers we get on board. It would also be nice to see some council policing come out and do spot checks at night to see how many unlicensed vehicles are out on the road. I believe if we lower the cost of the badge fees we will get far more interest in drivers than we currently do as said above, people are put off but we want more people on board. This will effect us drastically if more people decline to pay these fees. If someone can afford to purchase a vehicle for £10-£15k they should also be able to pay an increased vehicle licensing fee, as where a member of the general public, who only want to work for a firm will be less inclined to want to do so because of the cost of the badge. Most people who are looking to become taxi drivers are already unemployed and are already short of funds. I hope this is something that can be put forward as it will benefit the industry for us all. Relay Taxis
7. Please see CCBTDApetition overleaf.

CAERPHILLY COUNTY BOROUGH TAXI DRIVERS ASSOCIATION

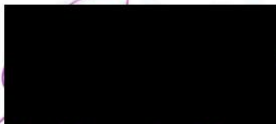


DEAR MR. MORGAN

PLEASE ACCEPT THE ENCLOSED PETITION THAT HAS BEEN SIGNED BY LICENSED DRIVERS OF CCBC AGAINST ANY PROPOSED INCREASE TO LICENSING FEES.

I WOULD LIKE THE OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK AT A FORTHCOMING LICENSING COMMITTEE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE WHERE THIS CAN BE DISCUSSED

YOURS SINCERELY



GEORGE EDWARDS - CHAIR OF CCBCDA  
27-6-2023

Caerphilly County Borough Council  
Directorate of the Environment

No.

Date Received 29 JUN 2023

Date Answered

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Caerphilly County Borough Taxi Drivers Association

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We the undersigned hereby submit this petition to the Licensing Department in Objection to the proposed Fee Increase. We have done some comparison with neighbouring Authorities, Cardiff City Council, Merthyr Tydfil CBC, RCTCBC and we find the proposed increase totally unacceptable and request to be heard at a Licensing Committee.

	Name	Address	Driver Number
37	RICHARD THOMAS		213.
11	Colin WILTSHIRE		466
09	BLETHA IL		<del>49</del> 286
4	Neil VAUGHAN		52.
41	NICOLA VAUGHAN		95
35	JASON DUCKLEY		35
22	IAN JONES		118.
7	STEVE MARTIN		406
48	Paul Roberts		404.
66	AZAD ISMAIL		375
44	SOPHIE SPURR		726.
5	TWSwainham		511
36	K. Morris		169
	C.A Morris		123
	G.J Morris		671.
50	P. Thomas		651
55	F. IBRAHIM		140.
61	J-b. DALY		483
64	R. Kincaide		320.
32	Garry Smith		42.
	Gottinbottst		
1	LAZLOW MORIAR		744.
2	Robert HUCKING		526.
3	Martin Jones		157.
20	Alan Jenkins		263.
39	Jason Pape		050
40	D.G. Lewis		292.

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Name	Address	Driver Number
GEOFFREY EDWARDS		420
GAVIN LUGUES		103
SARAH GIFFORD		677
SHANE JONES		646
MARK BAKER		<del>109</del>
HARVEY THOMAS		027
MELISA GEORGE		
RICHARD WHELLEN		244
ABDULLA ALENEZI		219
ROBERT MANNING		580

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Name	Address	Driver Number
Joshua Jenkins		713
Anthony Ffrench		681
S. Wethercote		092
S. Thomas		052
Michael Cox		252
W. Hoelder		070
Dale Thomas		239
John Rees		AD150
Steve Jones		177
K. Buckley		0119
Martiz Baker		0109
R. Johnston		AD94
Brett Davies		0132
W. Thomas		289
Rob Thomas		AD177
R. Richards		264
C. Samuels		200
Kai Evans		063
Sian Gifford		256
S. Cifford		677
Jodie Giff		0135
Jamie J. Cifford		0639
Alex		685
Gareth		
Martiz Fleming		509

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47	NEIL SNAILHAM		67.
43	KEVIN OLIVER .		391
6	PAUL TAYLOR.		604.
8	MIKE HARRINGTON		715
38	PHIL DAVIS		129.
31	DILWYN THOMAS		047
10	PAUL WATTERS		345
14	M. DOSANOVA		082
15	V. DOSANOVA		308.
18	PETER WILLIAMS		706.
26	FREDRICK AKINYOMBO		429.
?	YVONNE DALY		060.
41	BRIAN SUMMERS		046.
61	SIÂN SUMMERS		197.
16	TONY CLARKE		019.
17	ANAN STEFANOVIC		477-
10	ADAM HIGGINS		244.
21	NURUL HUSSAIN		254.
23	MARK TREWAERT		88
24	ALLEN PERRY		358.
25	NAITHAN GIFFORD.		306.
26	FREDRICK AKINYOMBO		429.
27	SCOTT JACOBS		250.
28	JOHN PEARCE		319.
33	ANDREW WATTERS		459.



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