



TAXI AND GENERAL SUB-COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD AT PENALLTA HOUSE, YSTRAD MYNACH ON THURSDAY, 2ND NOVEMBER 2017 AT 10.00 AM

PRESENT:

Councillors:

M. Davies, J. Ridgewell, W. Williams

Together with:

J. Lloyd (Senior Licensing Administrator), L. Morgan (Licensing Manager), T. Rawson (Solicitor), J. Tyler (Committee Services Administrative Assistant)

1. ELECTION OF CHAIR

The Legal Advisor advised the Sub Committee that due to the unavailability of both the Chair and Vice-Chair for this meeting, they needed to elect a Member to preside as acting Chair. The Sub Committee unanimously voted to elect Councillor Walter Williams to preside as Chair for the duration of the meeting.

2. APOLOGIES for absence

There were no apologies for absence received.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest received at the commencement or during the course of the meeting.

4. APPLICATION FOR HACKNEY CARRIAGE/PRIVATE HIRE VEHICLE LICENCES

The Taxi and General Sub Committee unanimously RESOLVED that:-

1. For the reasons outlined at the meeting and to the driver when present (and following inspection of the vehicle), the licensed seating capacity of existing hackney carriage licence no. XXX (registration XXXX), held by XXXX of XXXX, XXXX, Hengoed, be increased to carry 6 passengers. The Sub Committee were of the view that there was adequate knee space within the vehicle and reasonable access to all the seating areas.

2. For the reasons outlined at the meeting and to the driver when present (and following inspection of the vehicle), the licensed seating capacity of existing hackney carriage licence no. XXX (registration XXXX), held by XXX and XXX XXX of XXXX, XXXX, Caerphilly, be increased to carry 6 passengers. The Sub Committee were of the view that there was adequate knee space within the vehicle and reasonable access to all the seating areas.
3. For the reasons outlined at the meeting, the application of XXXX, XXXX Bargoed, for a hackney carriage/private hire vehicle licence, be deferred to the next meeting of the Sub Committee (23rd November 2017).
4. For the reasons outlined at the meeting and to the driver when present, and following inspection of the vehicle (XXXX), the application of XXXX of XXXX, XXXX, New Tredegar, for a hackney carriage licence to carry 6 passengers, be granted. The Sub Committee were of the view that there was adequate knee space within the vehicle and reasonable access to all the seating areas, and also concluded that there was suitable visibility into the vehicle as to ensure the safety of any passengers and the driver.

5. HACKNEY CARRIAGE/PRIVATE HIRE VEHICLE DRIVER'S LICENCES

1. For the reasons outlined at the meeting, the matter of existing hackney carriage/private hire vehicle drivers licence no. XXX, held by XXX of XXX, New Tredegar, be deemed as withdrawn.
2. For the reasons outlined at the meeting, the matter of existing hackney carriage/private hire vehicle drivers licence no. XXX, held by XXX of XXX, Bristol, be deemed as withdrawn.
3. For the reasons outlined at the meeting, the matter of existing hackney carriage/private hire vehicle drivers licence no. XXX, held by XXX of XXX, Bristol, be deemed as withdrawn.

6. APPLICATION FOR HACKNEY CARRIAGE/PRIVATE HIRE VEHICLE DRIVER'S LICENCE

The Taxi and General Sub Committee unanimously RESOLVED that for the reasons outlined at the meeting and to the applicant when present, the application of XXXX of XXXX, Bargoed, for a hackney carriage/private hire vehicle driver's licence, be refused. The Sub Committee were of the view that the applicant is not a fit and proper person to hold such a licence, and that there was not sufficient reason to override the normal period of 3 years elapsed from conviction.

7. PRIVATE HIRE VEHICLE OPERATOR'S LICENCE

The Taxi and General Sub Committee unanimously RESOLVED that for the reasons outlined at the meeting and to the applicant when present, that the application of XXXX of XXXX, Blackwood, for a private hire vehicle operator's licence, be granted. The Sub Committee were of the view that the applicant has rehabilitated himself and is now a fit and proper person to hold a private hire vehicle operator's licence.

The meeting closed at 12.34 p.m.

CHAIR