



TAXI AND GENERAL SUB COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD AT PENALLTA HOUSE, YSTRAD MYNACH ON THURSDAY, 15TH FEBRUARY 2018 AT 10.00 AM

PRESENT:

Councillor D.W.R. Preece - Chair

Councillors:

Ms J. Gale, W. Williams

Together with:

J. Lloyd (Senior Licensing Administrator), T. Helps (Licensing Administrator), T. Rawson (Solicitor), R. Barrett (Committee Services Officer)

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies for absence received.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest made at the beginning or during the course of the meeting.

3. APPLICATION FOR HACKNEY CARRIAGE/PRIVATE HIRE VEHICLE LICENCES

The Taxi and General Sub Committee unanimously RESOLVED that 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 XXX), held by Applicant 1 of Bargoed, 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.

4. 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, application no. 2 of Phillipstown for a hackney carriage/private hire vehicle driver's licence, be refused.

The Sub Committee were not satisfied that public safety could be assured so soon after the disqualification period for the licence had ended and considered the offence to be very serious in regards to public safety. They were also concerned that the offence was not declared on

the application form, and on balance, felt that the surrounding circumstances were not sufficient to justify departure from the usual conviction periods listed within the Council's Fitness Criteria for Drivers and Operators.

The applicant was advised of his appeal rights to the local magistrates court within 21 days from written notification of the decision. It was explained to the applicant that this decision did not preclude him from re-applying at a future date once the conviction periods outlined within the Council's Licensing Policy have elapsed.

The meeting closed at 11.30 a.m.

CHAIR