

CITY AND COUNTY OF SWANSEA

MINUTES OF THE GENERAL LICENSING COMMITTEE

HELD AT COUNCIL CHAMBER, GUILDHALL, SWANSEA ON FRIDAY, 8
JANUARY 2016 AT 10.00 AM

PRESENT: Councillor P M Matthews (Chair) Presided

Councillor(s)	Councillor(s)	Councillor(s)
A C S Colburn	P Downing	K E Marsh
D W Cole	V M Evans	H M Morris
A M Cook	P Lloyd (From minute no.	C L Philpott
J P Curtice	89)	T H Rees

Officers:

L Anthony	-	Divisional Licensing Officer
A Gruffydd	-	Lawyer
K Thomas	-	Licensing Officer
S Woon	-	Democratic Services Officer

83 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.**

No apologies for absence were received.

84 **DISCLOSURES OF PERSONAL AND PREJUDICIAL INTEREST.**

In accordance with the Code of Conduct adopted by the City and County of Swansea, the following interests were declared:

Councillor V M Evans – Minute No. Equality Act 2010 – Passengers in Wheelchairs – Request for an Exemption Certificate – MAJ – Applicant is known to me.
Councillor V M Evans left the meeting prior to consideration of the item.

85 **MINUTES.**

RESOLVED that the minutes of the General Licensing Committee held on 11 December 2015, be agreed as a correct record.

86 **EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC.**

The Committee was requested to exclude the public from the meeting during the consideration of the items of business identified in the recommendations to the report on the grounds that it involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as set out in the exclusion paragraph of 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, as amended by the Local Government (Access to Information)(Variation)(Wales) Order 2007, relevant to the item of business as set out in the report.

The Committee considered the Public Interest Test in deciding to exclude the public from the meeting for the items of business where the Public Interest Test was relevant, as set out in the report.

It was **RESOLVED** that the public be excluded for the following items of business.

(CLOSED SESSION)

87 **EQUALITY ACT 2010 - PASSENGERS IN WHEELCHAIRS - REQUEST FOR AN EXEMPTION CERTIFICATE - MAJ.**

The Divisional Officer, Licensing, Food & Safety, detailed the background information in respect of MAJ.

Members' asked questions of the Officers and MAJ who responded accordingly.

RESOLVED that MAJ's application for an exemption from carrying wheelchair users in MAJ's hackney carriage vehicle **BE APPROVED** for a period of 12 months.

88 **EQUALITY ACT 2010 - PASSENGERS IN WHEELCHAIRS - REQUEST FOR AN EXEMPTION CERTIFICATE - KE.**

The Divisional Officer, Licensing, Food & Safety, reported on the request from KE for an exemption certificate from carrying wheelchairs.

Members' asked questions of KE who responded accordingly.

RESOLVED that KE's application for an exemption from carrying wheelchair users in KE's hackney carriage vehicle **BE APPROVED** for a period of 12 months.

89 **TOWN POLICE CLAUSES ACT 1847 - LOCAL GOVERNMENT (MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS) ACT 1976 - APPLICATION FOR A HACKNEY CARRIAGE AND PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER'S LICENCE - CWJ.**

The Divisional Officer, Licensing, Food & Safety detailed the background information in respect of CWJ.

CWJ outlined the background details and circumstances relating to the convictions and answered Members' questions.

RESOLVED that CWJ's application for a Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Driver's Licence be **BE APPROVED**.

90 **TOWN POLICE CLAUSES ACT 1847 - LOCAL GOVERNMENT (MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS) ACT 1976 - APPLICATION FOR A HACKNEY CARRIAGE AND PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER'S LICENCE - JJBT.**

The Divisional Officer, Licensing, Food & Safety advised that JJBT had requested a deferment of consideration of the matter due to ill-health.

RESOLVED that consideration of JJBT's application **BE DEFERRED** until JJBT is declared fit to work.

OPEN SESSION

91 **TOWN POLICE CLAUSES ACT 1847 - APPLICATION FOR THE GRANT OF A HACKNEY CARRIAGE VEHICLE - LICENCE REGISTRATION MARK DF55 CCV - MR AMRINDER SINGH PATWAL.**

The Divisional Officer, Licensing, Food & Safety reported that an application for the grant of a hackney carriage vehicle licence had been received from Mr Patwal. The vehicle was a black Mercedes Vito Registration Mark DF55 CCV and was capable of carrying 7 passengers.

The vehicle did not comply with the current licensing criteria set out by the Authority due to its age.

Members' noted the background, relevant issues in relation to Hackney Carriage Vehicles, Department for Transport – Taxi and Private Hire Licensing; Best Practice Guidance; March 2010 and legislation relating to the licensing of Private Hire Vehicles.

Members asked questions of the Officer who responded accordingly.

Members asked questions of Mr Patwal who responded accordingly.

RESOLVED that the application made by Mr Patwal for a Hackney Carriage Vehicle Licence in respect of the Mercedes Vito vehicle registration mark DF55 CCV be **GRANTED**.

[Members' discussed the benefits of delegating decisions of this matter to Licensing Officers and following agreement from the Committee it was agreed that the issue be referred to the Development Cabinet Advisory Committee for consideration].

The meeting ended at 11.00 am

CHAIR