

LICENSING COMMITTEE

Minutes of a meeting of the Licensing Committee held on Monday, 12th October 2009 at 9.30 am in Training Room 5, AFC Telford United Learning Centre, New Bucks Head, Wellington, Telford

PRESENT: V.A.Fletcher (Chairman), E.J.Greenaway (Vice-Chairman), J.A.Francis, R.E.Groom, Y.C.Hicks, G.P.Hossell, T.Kiernan, A.A.Mackenzie, C.N.Mason (for minute items LC-51 to LC-56 inclusive only), C.F.Smith and K.L.Tomlinson.

The Chairman informed the Committee of the recent resignation of Councillor G.J.L.Davies she expressed the wish that the Committee should thank Councillor Davies of his service to the work of the Committee. The Committee wished to record their thanks and agreed that the Chairman should write to Councillor Davies.

The Chairman welcomed Councillor R.E.Groom to serve on the Committee as Councillor G.J.L.Davies as the Liberal Democrat/Independent Group replacement.

LC-51 MINUTES

RESOLVED – that the minutes of the meeting of the Licensing Committee held on 29th September 2009 be confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

LC-52 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Councillors R.G.Chaplin, T.J.Hope, H.Rhodes and A.G.P.Williams.

LC-53 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

LC-54 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

RESOLVED – that the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that they may involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 1 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A Local Government Act 1972.

LC-55 PRIVATE HEARING – MR.D.G. – APPLICATION FOR A PRIVATE HIRE VEHICLE DRIVER LICENCE

The Committee were informed that the applicant was not in attendance. However, Members were advised that the applicant had written to the Democratic Services Officer informing that he would be unable to attend the hearing due to another commitment. He had indicated his approval for the Committee to proceed in his absence. In the letter he had also provided comments that he wished to submit before the Committee.

The Committee having taken the legal advice of the Committee and during a further discussion the Committee concluded that they were of the view that whilst accepting the desire of the applicant were minded that they would wish to benefit from the applicant being in attendance.

Following discussion and consideration by the Committee, it was;

RESOLVED – that the consideration and determination of this application be adjourned sine die.

LC-56 PRIVATE HEARING – MR.J.S – APPLICATION FOR A PRIVATE HIRE VEHICLE DRIVER LICENCE

The Committee were informed that the applicant was not in attendance. The Democratic Services Officer was requested to contact the applicant after which he reported to the Committee that he had not been able to make contact as requested.

Following discussion and consideration by the Committee, it was;

RESOLVED – that the consideration and determination of this application be adjourned sine die.

LC-57 PRIVATE HEARING – MR.T.W. – APPLICATION FOR A PRIVATE HIRE VEHICLE DRIVER LICENCE

After hearing the evidence presented by the Council's Licensing Operations Manager and the applicant in accordance with the hearings procedure and following consideration and discussion by the Committee, it was;

RESOLVED – that the Committee considered that they were satisfied that the applicant was a fit and proper person to be licensed as a Private Hire Vehicle Driver and that accordingly his application should be granted.

The meeting ended at 2.50 pm.

Chairman:

Date: