



MERTHYR TYDFIL  
County Borough Council  
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MERTHYR TUDFUL

## MINUTES OF MEETING

# PLANNING , REGULATORY AND LICENSING COMMITTEE MEETING

WEDNESDAY, 4TH FEBRUARY, 2015

**PRESENT:** Councillor C T Jones (In the Chair)

Councillors B E Mansbridge, H Barrett, T Chaplin, E Galsworthy,  
A Jones, L A Matthews and W R Smith

**Officers:**

Geraint Morgan (Solicitor), Judith Jones (Head of Town  
Planning), Huw Roberts (Group Leader Development Control),  
Simon Jones (Solicitor) and Paul Lewis (Trading Standards and  
Licensing Manager)

Mair Morgan (Scrutiny / Democratic Services Officer) and Karen  
Vokes (Democratic Services Officer)

ITEM NO.	AGENDA MATTER	DECISION
1000	Apologies for absence	Apologies for absence received from Councillor G Lewis and S Williams.
1001	Declarations of Interest	Councillor Allan Jones declared a prejudicial and personal interest in Item 3 (Application to issue a Hackney Carriage Vehicle Licence) as he is known to the applicant.
1002	Application to issue a Hackney Carriage Vehicle Licence	Having declared an interest, Councillor A Jones left the meeting whilst this item was considered.  Paul Lewis, the Authority's Trading Standards and Licensing Manager, took Members through the report in

		<p>respect of an application to issue a Hackney Carriage Vehicle Licence.</p> <p>Simon Jones, the Authority's Solicitor, then referred members to the Licensing Sub Committee held earlier in the day and outlined in detail the submissions presented to that Sub Committee.</p> <p><b>RESOLVED that:</b></p> <p>After considering the submissions and recommendation received from the Licensing Sub Committee, the application to waive Condition 2(i) in relation to the licensing of vehicle P333 VAN be refused for the following reasons:</p> <p>If the applicant was dissatisfied with the decision of the Council in 2010 to refuse to licence P333 VAN he had the right of appeal to the Crown Court. He did not seek legal advice and he did not issue an appeal. Four years plus have since passed and the vehicle is now considerably older than other Hackney Carriages that are licensed by the Council. The age condition was imposed by the Council to as far as possible ensure public safety by making it a condition that the Council's licensed Hackney Carriages were relatively new and equipped with modern safety features. The applicant's reasons are not sufficient for the Council to waive Condition 2(i). An alleged mistake on the part of the Council in 2010 is no justification for allowing a 13 year old vehicle to be plated now. The issues concerning job opportunities, potential contracts and the cost of a vehicle under 4 years old were similarly not matters that would cause the Sub Committee to recommend waiving Condition 2(i). Finally the fact that Powys County Council licence vehicles over 4 years old was not a relevant consideration. The Sub Committee considers this recommendation to be both reasonable and proportionate in the circumstances.</p> <p>The applicant has a right of appeal against any decision of the Full Licensing Committee endorsing this recommendation.</p>
1003	Minutes of meeting Friday, 23 January 2015 of Planning and Regulatory Fact Finding Visits	<p>Councillor A Jones returned to the meeting.</p> <p>The minutes of the Planning and Regulatory Fact Finding Visit held on Friday, 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2015 at 10 Dan Y Twyn, Cardiff Road, Treharris be accepted as a correct record.</p>
1004	P/14/0216 - Premier Inn Hotel, Pentrebach House, Duffryn Road, Pentrebach, Merthyr Tydfil	<p>Proposed two storey extension to hotel to accommodate 22 additional bedrooms with associated works to existing car park and landscaping.</p> <p><b>RESOLVED that:</b></p> <p>In accordance with the recommendation of the Head of Town Planning, the Planning Application be approved subject to the conditions outlined in the report.</p>

1005	P/14/0237 - Land between Black Brook House and Maes-Y-Bryn, Cardiff Road, Treharris	Erection of 7 No. detached dwellings with associated new access road.  <b>RESOLVED that:</b>  In accordance with the recommendation of the Head of Town Planning, the Planning Application be approved subject to the conditions outlined in the report.
1006	P/14/0322 - Land at Maesynant, Grove Park, Merthyr Tydfil	Residential Development  <b>RESOLVED that:</b>  In accordance with the recommendation of the Head of Town Planning, the outline planning permission be approved subject to the conditions as outlined in the report.
1007	P/14/0323 - 10 Dan Y Twyn, Cardiff Road, Treharris	Retention of retaining wall, steps, re-graded land, raised terrace, boundary fencing and hard standing/patio.  In accordance with the recommendation of the Head of Town Planning, retrospective planning permission be approved.
1008	PE/14/0047, P/14/0231 and P/14/0232 - Appeal Received	The contents were noted by the Planning and Regulatory Committee.
1009	Any Other Business as Deemed Urgent by the Chair	The Chair advised that there was no business deemed urgent.