



MERTHYR TYDFIL  
County Borough Council  
Cyngor Bwrdeistref Sirol  
MERTHYR TUDFUL

## MINUTES OF MEETING

# PLANNING , REGULATORY AND LICENSING COMMITTEE MEETING

WEDNESDAY, 4TH MARCH, 2015

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

Councillors H Barrett, T Chaplin, E Galsworthy, A Jones,  
L A Matthews, L E Smart, W R Smith and S Williams

**Officers:**

Judith Jones (Head of Town Planning), Geraint Morgan (Solicitor), Coral Ducroq (Town Planning Officer), Simon Jones (Senior 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
1115	Apologies for absence	Apologies for absence were received from Councillor B Mansbridge and Councillor G Lewis.
1116	Declarations of Interest	No Declarations of Interest were made.
1117	Change to Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Driver and Vehicle Conditions, Application Process and Fees	<b>Resolved that:</b>  (a) Merthyr Tydfil County Borough Council introduces a three year Hackney Carriage Driver's Licence with effect from the 1 <sup>st</sup> of April 2015. The Authority will still carry out yearly DVLA checks on all licensed drivers as part of this process.

		<p>(b) Merthyr Tydfil County Borough Council introduces a three year Private Hire Vehicle Driver's Licence with effect from the 1<sup>st</sup> of April 2015. The Authority will still carry out yearly DVLA checks on all licensed drivers as part of this process.</p> <p>(c) From the 1<sup>st</sup> April 2015 the cost of a new Hackney Carriage Drivers' Licence shall be £150 with a renewal licence costing £130.</p> <p>(d) From the 1<sup>st</sup> April 2015 the cost of a new Private Hire Vehicle Drivers' Licence shall be £150 with a renewal licence costing £130.</p> <p>(e) From the 1<sup>st</sup> April 2015 the Merthyr Tydfil County Borough Council introduce a requirement that all Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Vehicles shall be subject to two tests per year with an MOT conducted at each test along with checks relating to the vehicle displaying the correct plates and information as prescribed by Conditions. Fees for the testing of the vehicles will be paid directly to the testing section by the proprietor of the licensed vehicle</p> <p>(f) That the Statutory Procedure as defined in Section 70(2) of the LGMPA 76 be followed prior to the proposed introduction of the changes to:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">(i) The Hackney Carriage Proprietors' Fee and</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">(ii) The Private Hire Vehicle Fee</p> <p>(g) Should objections be made following publication of this notice (which are not subsequently withdrawn) then delegated authority be given to the Licensing Manager in consultation with the Chair of the Planning Regulatory and Licensing Committee and the Senior Solicitor to consider the objections and to set a second date upon which the proposed fees or further amended fees come into force.</p> <p>(h) The Council's conditions shall be amended in accordance with the changes introduced by Paragraphs 7.1 to 7.7 of the report.</p>
1118	Merthyr Tydfil Local Development Plan 2006-2021 - Supplementary Planning Guidance on Nature and Development	<p><b>Resolved that:</b></p> <p>The Draft 'Supplementary Planning Guidance Note No. 5 – Nature and Development' be approved for public consultation purposes.</p>
1119	Performance Report	<p><b>Resolved that:</b> This item be deferred.</p>
1120	Delegated Decision Report List: 1st to 31st January 2015	<p><b>Resolved that:</b> The Delegated Decision Report List 1 – 31 January 2015 be received.</p>
1121	Appeal Decision	<p><b>Resolved that:</b> The Appeal Decision be received.</p>
1122	Any Other Business as Deemed Urgent by the Chair	<p>The Chair advised that there was no business deemed urgent.</p>