

## **GENERAL LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE 12.06.15**

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**Present:** Councillor Eryl Jones Williams (Chairman), Councillors Annwen Hughes and Louise Hughes

**Officers:** Geraint Brython Edwards (Solicitor), Heilyn Williams (Licensing Officer) and Lowri Haf Evans (Member Support and Scrutiny Officer).

**Also in attendance:** Cllr Dilwyn Morgan (to support applicant's application)

### **1. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES**

Everyone was welcomed to the meeting by the Chairman, Councillor Eryl Jones-Williams. The panel and the officers were introduced to everyone present. Mr Heilyn Williams was congratulated on his appointment as the Mayor of Dolgellau.

Apologies were received from Sheryl Le Bon, Licensing Manager.

### **2. DECLARATION OF PERSONAL INTEREST**

No declarations of personal interest were received from any members present.

### **3. URGENT ITEMS**

None to note

### **4. EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC**

**RESOLVED to exclude the press and public from the meeting during the discussion on the following items because of the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraphs 12 and 13, Part 4, Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972. These paragraphs apply because the individuals in question are entitled to privacy and there is no overriding public interest that requires the disclosure of personal information relating to those individuals, nor their identities. Consequently, the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.**

### **5. APPLICATION FOR HACKNEY/PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER'S LICENCE**

The Licensing Officer presented the written report on the application received from Mr Ac for a new hackney/private hire driver's licence. It was explained that there was a statement of convictions referring to a relevant crime, and therefore the Committee was requested to consider the application in accordance with the DBS record, and in accordance with the guidance on relevant crimes and convictions.

The applicant was invited to expand on the application. It was acknowledged that the last offence disclosed had happened within the past three years and there was no evidence of any problems since then. It was evidenced that the applicant had undertaken over 80 hours community service for his offence. It was added that the applicant had been offered employment to transport children during the school term. The application received verbal support from his Local Member and two letters providing references to the applicant had been received from a local councillor and a local parent.

The applicant and his supporter withdrew from the chamber while the Sub-committee members discussed the application.

After detailed consideration, the Sub-committee decided that the applicant was a suitable person to be granted a licence and the application was approved. The Sub-committee felt that the applicant had acknowledged the seriousness of the offence and that he had shown remorse.

**RESOLVED to approve Mr A's application for a hackney/private hire driver's licence.**

The Solicitor reported that the Licensing Unit would send a letter to the applicant confirming the decision of the Sub-committee.

The meeting commenced at 10:30am and concluded at 11:30am.