
CENTRAL LICENSING COMMITTEE, 23.06.08

Present:

Councillors: Louise Hughes, Eryl Jones-Williams, Evie Morgan Jones, J.R. Jones, W. Tudor Owen, Peter Read, Ieuan Roberts, W. Gareth Roberts and Gwilym O. Williams

Also Present: Gareth Jones (Senior Legal and Administrative Manager), Amlyn ab Iorweth (Licensing Manager) and Barbara Owen (Committee Officer)

Apologies: Councillors Robert Anderson and Dylan Edwards

1. CHAIRMAN

Councillor W. Tudor Owen was elected Chairman of this committee for 2008/09

2. VICE-CHAIRMAN

Councillor Eryl Jones-Williams was elected Vice-chairman of this committee for 2008/09

3. MINUTES

The Chairman signed the minutes of the meeting of this committee held on 19 November 2007, as a true record.

RESOLVED to accept the information

4. MINUTES OF CENTRAL LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEES:

Submitted, for information, the minutes of the following meetings:-

26 OCTOBER 2007
22 NOVEMBER 2007
21 JANUARY 2008
1 FEBRUARY 2008
11 APRIL 2008

21 NOVEMBER 2007
20 DECEMBER 2007
24 JANUARY 2008
11 MARCH 2008
15 APRIL 2008

RESOLVED to note and accept the information.

5. CHAIRMANSHIP OF THE CENTRAL LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEES

The Senior Legal and Administrative Manager reported that the new regulations that came into force recently, prohibited members of the

Council Board from being Chairman or Vice-chairman of Council meetings in general. Since few Sub-committee meetings were held, with such a varied content, he advised that it would be wise to have consistency in the chairmanship of the sub-committees, and suggested appointing a Chairman, Vice-chairman or another experienced member of the Central Licensing Committee to chair the Sub-Committee meetings. This was agreed and Councillor Gwilym O. Williams was elected to be the third member of the group that would chair.

In response to remarks by new members expressing a wish to become more familiar with the Licensing and Gambling Acts, the Licensing Manager reported that arrangements were being considered to offer a day of training on the licensing rules to new members in co-operation with Anglesey Council, and it was hoped that the training would be held before the end of the year.

RESOLVED that one of the following Councillors should chair the Licensing Sub-committee: Chairman of the Central Licensing Committee; Vice-chairman of the same committee; Councillor Gwilym O. Williams. Two other members of the Central Licensing Committee will be chosen in the customary method.

6. TAXI FEES

The Licensing Manager submitted a report by the Head of Administration and Public Protection asking the committee to consider increasing the prices that taxi drivers were allowed to charge their customers. There had not been an increase in the prices since 2005, because no applications by the industry had been received, but because of inflation several applications had been received recently.

The recommended new prices were discussed. There was reluctance to increase the prices for waiting time, additional luggage or another passenger, despite agreement with the other recommended changes. In response to a question by another member, it was confirmed that the cost of travelling with a guide dog would not increase.

The Licensing Manager reported on the need to advertise the changes in the press for a month before the changes would be permitted to come into force.

RESOLVED to adopt the prices as follows:

	£
first mile	2.50
every subsequent mile	2.20
waiting time	0.20
additional luggage	0.30
another passenger	0.30
transporting an animal	1.20
fouling the vehicle	45.00

7. LICENSING FEES 2007-08

A report by the Head of Administration and Public Protection elaborating on the proposed Licensing fees for 2008/09 was submitted. The Licensing Manager drew the attention of the members to a mistake in the Welsh version of the report, where it should be noted that the Council was not benefiting financially from an Audit or a Mechanical second test. The Licensing Manager reported that the proposed increase was around 2.5%, and that it did not in any way reflect any national increase that could come into force in the near future. The officer confirmed the need to advertise the changes in the press for a month before the new fees would come into force.

RESOLVED to adopt the new fees for 2008-09.

The meeting commenced at 10:00 a.m. and concluded at 10:30 a.m.