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**LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE (DWYFOR) 27-01-12**

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**Present:** Councillor Robert J. Wright (Chairman of the Dwyfor Area Committee)  
Councillor Selwyn Griffiths (Vice-chairman of the Dwyfor Area Committee).

Councillors: Glyn Roberts, Sion Selwyn Roberts and R.H. Wyn Williams.

**Also present:** Sion Huws (Propriety Officer), Amlyn ab Iorwerth (Licensing Manager), Alwyn Thomas (Licensing Enforcement Officer) and Ioan Hughes (Committee Officer).

**Others present:** Mr K (owner of private hire vehicles in relation to the exempt item)

**Good wishes:** The Chair welcomed the Licensing Enforcement Officer who had suffered a period of ill-health, and wished him a full and speedy recovery. The Licensing Manager reiterated these remarks.

**Apologies:** Councillors: Alwyn Gruffydd and Ieuan Roberts

**1. DECLARATION OF PERSONAL INTEREST**

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

**2. EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC**

**RESOLVED to exclude the press and public from the meeting during the discussions on the following items due to the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 12, Part 4, Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972. These paragraphs are relevant because the individual in question is entitled to privacy and there is no overriding public interest that requires the disclosure of personal information relating to the individual, or his financial and business matters. Consequently, the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.**

**3. TO CONSIDER THE POSITION OF A PRIVATE HIRE OPERATOR**

- a) The report of the Licensing Manager was submitted in relation to the case of Mr K, who was a private hire licence holder.
- b) Members were reminded that this Licensing Sub-committee, in a meeting held on 23 November 2011, had resolved not to revoke or suspend Mr K's licence. At the time, Mr K was appearing before the Sub-committee due to a failure to comply with the Private Hire Operators' Terms and Conditions.

In addition to not revoking or suspending Mr K's licence, it had been decided that an arrangement would be made for him to keep in weekly contact with the Licensing Officers, to update them on the situation and to comply with any instruction issued by them.

- c) The Licensing Manager reported that Mr K had cooperated well with the Licensing Enforcement Officer since the last meeting, that he had kept in contact on a weekly basis and had attended a face-to-face meeting on 9 January 2012.

It was also noted that Mr K was in the process of selling some of his vehicles and that he now owned ten vehicles, five of them off the road, and five working. Details of the vehicles were submitted to the members.

- ch) Following the improvement in the situation, the Manager suggested that the current arrangement could be extended for three months.
- d) The Licensing Enforcement Officer confirmed that Mr K had cooperated well with him since the last meeting. He added that Mr K was considering the future of the business, and that extending the current arrangement would make it possible for the Licensing Unit to assist him if the need arose.
- dd) In response to a member's enquiry, Mr K said that the paperwork in relation to all his vehicles was now correct. He added that in the past he had around 40 vehicles, but that he was now considering winding the business up, although he had not yet made a final decision.

**RESOLVED:**

- a) That the current arrangement, with Mr K keeping in weekly contact with the Licensing Officers, be extended for three months, to allow Mr K time to decided on the future of his business.**
- b) That the Licensing Service, at the end of the three month period, contacts the Chairman of this Sub-committee to consider the need for a further meeting.**

The meeting commenced at 1.40pm and concluded at 1.45 pm