

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE TAXI REVIEW PANEL HELD AT NEUADD
MALDWYN, WELSHPOOL ON 1ST FEBRUARY, 2017**

PRESENT:

County Councillors J.M. Williams (Chair)
County Councillors F.H. Jump and P.J. Medicott

Officers

Nigel Williams, Senior Licensing Officer
Colin Edwards, Solicitor, Clerk to the Panel

1. APOLOGIES

There were no apologies for absence.

2. RESOLUTION TO EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC AND THE PRESS

**RESOLVED that in accordance with Section 100(A)(4) of the
Local Government Act 1972 the public and press were
excluded from the meeting on the grounds that there would
be disclosure to them of exempt information under
paragraphs 12, 13 and 14 of Schedule 12A Part 7 of the above
Act in respect of the following item.**

3. PROCEDURAL GUIDELINES

The Chair introduced the Review Panel and its Clerk.

The Clerk to the Panel, on behalf of the Solicitor to the Council, explained the procedures to be followed in this meeting of the Review Panel.

**4. REVIEW OF A JOINT HACKNEY CARRIAGE AND PRIVATE HIRE
DRIVER'S LICENCE – CDM**

CDM – Licence holder (not in attendance)

The Licensing Officer outlined the issues for consideration and referred Members to the report.

The Panel considered the offence with which the license holder had been charged and noted that he was currently being dealt with by the courts.

The Review Panel withdrew to consider the issues in private with the support of the Clerk. The Clerk advised that in reaching the decision the Members had taken into account the relevant verbal and written representations.

RESOLVED:	Reason for decision:
That the Joint Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Driver's Licence held by CDM be suspended.	The nature of the offence with which CDM has been charged with, with which was being dealt with by the courts and pending the outcome of that he was not a

	fit and proper person to hold such a licence.
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5. REVIEW OF A JOINT HACKNEY CARRIAGE AND PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER'S LICENCE – MW

MW – Licence holder

The Licensing Officer outlined the issues for consideration and referred Members to the report.

The licence holder outlined the circumstances surrounding the police caution in November 2015.

All parties agreed that they had had ample opportunity to present all aspects of their case and had said all that they had wanted to say.

The Review Panel withdrew to consider the issues in private with the support of the Clerk. The Clerk advised that in reaching the decision the Members had taken into account the relevant verbal and written representations.

RESOLVED:	Reason for decision:
That no action be taken in respect of a review of MW for a Joint Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Driver's Licence.	That MW is a fit and proper person to hold such a licence.

The Clerk to the Panel advised that he would confirm the Panel's decision in writing. The Chair thanked all for attending.

6. REVIEW OF A JOINT HACKNEY CARRIAGE AND PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER'S LICENCE – MAR

MAR– Licence holder

The Licensing Officer outlined the issues for consideration and referred Members to the report.

The Police Licensing Officer for Powys set out the recommendations of the Police that the licence holder's licence be suspended pending the outcome of the criminal case against him.

The licence holder stated that he had not committed the offence alleged he had pleaded not guilty and had elected trial at Crown Court.

All parties agreed that they had had ample opportunity to present all aspects of their case and had said all that they had wanted to say.

The Review Panel withdrew to consider the issues in private with the support of the Clerk. The Clerk advised that in reaching the decision the Members

had taken into account the relevant verbal and written representations.

RESOLVED:	Reason for decision:
That the Joint Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Driver's Licence be suspended.	1. Not a fit and proper person because: 1.1 The licence holder is currently being prosecuted for an offence of theft from a customer in his vehicle; 1.2 Previous history of offending.

The Clerk to the Panel advised that he would confirm the Panel's decision in writing. The Chair thanked all for attending.

7. CONSIDERATION OF A JOINT HACKNEY CARRIAGE AND PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER'S LICENCE – APWJ

APWJ – Licence holder

JB – Representative/Referee

The Licensing Officer outlined the issues for consideration and referred Members to the report.

The Police Licensing Officer for Powys set out the objections of the Police to granting the Applicant a licence.

The Applicant and his representative/referee outlined the difficult upbringing experienced by the Applicant and although alcohol played a large part in his offending he was now seeking treatment for that. The Panel also had regard to two additional character references.

All parties agreed that they had had ample opportunity to present all aspects of their case and had said all that they had wanted to say.

The Review Panel withdrew to consider the issues in private with the support of the Clerk. The Clerk advised that in reaching the decision the Members had taken into account the relevant verbal and written representations.

RESOLVED:	Reason for decision:
That the Joint Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Driver's Licence application be refused.	1. That the Applicant is not a fit and proper person because: 1.1 Number and nature of previous offences; 1.2 Repeat offending within the last 10 years; 1.3 charge of assaulting a police officer currently being dealt with.

The Clerk to the Panel advised that he would confirm the Panel's decision in writing. The Chair thanked all for attending.

8. REVIEW OF A JOINT HACKNEY CARRIAGE AND PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER'S LICENCE – ARB

ARB – Licence holder (not in attendance)

The Licensing Officer outlined the issues for consideration and referred Members to the report.

The Panel noted that the licence holder had been charged with a criminal offence to be dealt with at Crown Court. The Panel also noted that Mr Bowen had pleaded “not guilty” to the charge.

The Review Panel withdrew to consider the issues in private with the support of the Clerk. The Clerk advised that in reaching the decision the Members had taken into account the relevant verbal and written representations.

RESOLVED:	Reason for decision:
That the Joint Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Driver's Licence held by ARB be suspended.	The nature of the offence with which ARB has been charged with, which was being dealt with by the courts and pending the outcome of that, he was not a fit and proper person to hold such a licence.

The Clerk to the Panel advised that he would confirm the Panel's decision in writing. The Chair thanked all for attending.

County Councillor J.M. Williams
Chair