

**Minutes of a Meeting of the Licensing Committee (Non-Statutory)  
held remotely by video-conference on Thursday, 24 February 2022**

**Present:** Councillor Alun Lloyd-Jones (Chairman) Councillors Clive Davies, Euros Davies, Gareth Davies, Marc Davies, Endaf Edwards, Lloyd Edwards, Elaine Evans, Dan Potter and Ivor Williams

**Also in attendance:** Councillor Gareth Lloyd (Cabinet Member)

**Officers in Attendance:** Mr Alun Williams – Corporate Lead Officer – Policy & Performance, Ms Anne Louise – Davies, Trading Standards & Licensing Manager, Mr Gareth Rees, Senior Licensing Officer, Ms Nia Jones, Corporate Manager – Democratic Services, Mrs Dana Jones, Democratic Services and Standards Officer

(10:25am- 11:10am)

**1 Apologies**

Councillor Mark Strong apologised for his inability to attend the meeting.

**2 Disclosure of Personal / Prejudicial Interests**

None.

**3 Minutes of Previous meetings of the Committee**

It was **RESOLVED** to confirm as a true record the minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on the 16 September 2021.

**4 Matters Arising**

Minute 7 – The Senior Licensing Officer reported that he had discussed this issue with the Traffic Police, as they would enforce this issue as engine idling was illegal under Section 42 of the Road Traffic Act 1988. The act enforced Rule 123 of the Highway Code, which stated "You must not leave a vehicle's engine running unnecessarily while that vehicle is stationary on a public road" It was reported that the police had agreed to patrol the taxi ranks to address this issue.

Members also raised concerns that this was issue with vehicles outside schools. It was therefore agreed that a letter/email be sent to the Chair of the Learning Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee requesting that air pollution generated from parents running their engines outside schools and using their mobile phones while in statue; would be considered under Any Other Business in next weeks' meeting.

## **5 General Update**

Consideration was given to the Report of the Trading Standards & Licensing Manager and Senior Licensing Officer advising Members of activity undertaken by the Licensing Section since the last Committee meeting as follows:-

- Review of the Council's Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Licensing Policy - horse drawn omnibuses - Update
- Review of Taxi Fares
- Events Safety Advisory Group (ESAG) - Eisteddfod Tregaron 2022
- Requests for Film Classification
- Holiday Caravan Site Licences – Review of Conditions
- Animal Welfare (Licensing of Activities Involving Animals) (Wales) Regulations 2021

Following questions from the floor, it was AGREED:-

- (i) to note the report for Information;
- (ii) that a letter/email be sent to the Chair of the Learning Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee requesting that air pollution generated from parents running their engines outside schools and using their mobile phones while in situ; would be considered under Any Other Business in next weeks' meeting; (as discussed under Matters arising)
- (iii) the need to remind drivers of school buses and taxis not to smoke outside their vehicles within the school vicinity; and
- (iv) to note that a Taxi forum would be arranged in the near future to address any issues raised by Taxi drivers