

Licensing Committee Minutes

The minutes of the Licensing Committee meeting of Wyre Borough Council held on Tuesday, 18 January 2022 at the Council Chamber - Civic Centre, Poulton-le-Fylde.

Licensing Committee members present:

Councillors Robinson, Cartridge, Armstrong, Baxter, C Birch, George, Smith, S Turner, Matthew Vincent and A Turner

Apologies for absence:

Councillors Cropper, Leech and A Vincent

Failure to attend:

Councillor Williams

Other councillors present:

None.

Officers present:

Daphne Courtenage, Assistant Democratic Services Officer
Wayne Clarke, Senior Compliance/Licensing Enforcement Officer
Mary Grimshaw, Legal Services Manager (and Monitoring Officer)
Mandy Seddon, Manager of Food, Health and Safety and Licensing

No members of the public or press attended the meeting.

37 Apologies

38 Declarations of Interest

None.

39 Confirmation of minutes

The minutes of the Licensing Committee meeting held on the 23 November 2021 were **approved** as a correct record.

40 Exclusion of the public and press

In accordance with Paragraph 11 of the Access to Information Rules in Part 4 of the Council's Constitution, the Chief Executive had determined that the

reports submitted under items 5 and 6 of this agenda were “Not for Publication” because they contained “exempt information”, as defined in Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972.

The Committee passed the following resolution: “That the public and press be excluded from the meeting whilst agenda items 5 and 6 were being considered, as they referred to exempt information as defined in category 1 (information relating to any individual) of Part 1 of Schedule 12(a) of the Local Government Act, 1972, as amended by the Local Government (Access to Information) Variation Order 2006 and that the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighed the public interest in disclosing the information”.

41 New applicant for a Wyre dual driver's licence with recent convictions

The Corporate Director Environment submitted a report to provide members of licencing committee with information to assist them at the hearing. The applicant was present at the hearing.

Decision:

The Licensing Committee refused to grant a Wyre Dual Driver’s License

Reasons for the decision:

The Committee were not satisfied that the applicant was a fit and proper person to hold a Wyre Dual Driver’s licence at that time.

42 Wyre dual driver licence holder with a recent complaint and failure to notify the Licensing Authority of an accident

The Corporate Director Environment submitted a report to provide members of licencing committee with information to assist them at the hearing.

The driver was present at the hearing as well as his representative.

The complainants were also in attendance.

Decision:

The Licensing Committee decided to suspend the driver’s licence for six weeks and to be put on a driver’s awareness course, and advised the driver that should he report another accident then it would be brought back to committee.

Reasons for the decision:

The Licensing Committee were not satisfied that the driver was a fit and proper person to continue to hold a Wyre Dual Driver’s licence at that time. They considered that the suspension was a sufficient sanction to deter the driver from further misconduct and also that the decision was made in the interests of the public. The suspension would also enable the driver to attend

the drivers awareness course, which the Committee was requiring him to attend during this period of suspension.

The meeting started at 6.05 pm and finished at 8.00 pm.

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