

LICENSING BOARD

Minutes of the meeting held on 14 April 2020 at 10.00 am in this video stream - <https://stream.meet.google.com/stream/7c90cd85-449b-4bfb-86af-fcf5ecaf1a49>.

Present: Councillor Sam Bambridge (Chairman); Councillors Rogers, Currie, Dexter, Huxley, M Saunders, Scobie and Wright

All Members attended the meeting via Google Hangouts.

497. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Councillors Potts.

498. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

499. LICENSING BOARD MINUTES

It was proposed by Councillor Rogers, seconded by Councillor Currie and Members agree the minutes as a correct record of the Licensing Board held on 11 February 2020.

500. EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS

It was proposed by Councillor Wright, seconded by Councillor Scobie and Members agreed:

That the public and press be excluded from the meeting on agenda item 5 (minute 501) as it contains exempt information as defined in Paragraphs 4 and 7 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended).

501. LICENCE TO DRIVE PRIVATE HIRE VEHICLES

Alison Stocker, Licensing Officer, presented the report.

The Applicant addressed the Board.

Members asked questions of the Applicant.

Further to debate, the Licensing Board agreed:

This was an application for a licence to drive a Private Hire Vehicle

The issue before the Licensing Board for determination was whether or not the Applicant is a fit and proper person to hold a such a licence.

We heard evidence about a number of offences in respect of which the Applicant was convicted, which were as follows:

August 1989 - offences of no insurance and theft.

September 1989 - offence of assaulting a police officer.

February 1990 - offences of arson, going equipped and theft.

We noted that these offences were committed over 30 years ago, when the Applicant was still a juvenile.

The Applicant explained the circumstances of these offences and we noted that he has remained on the right side of the law since 1990.

We also noted that the Applicant has previously held a licence to drive a Private Hire Vehicle, for the year 2013/2014, issued by Thanet District Council.

In all the circumstances, we are unanimously satisfied that the Applicant is a fit and proper person to hold a licence to drive a Private Hire Vehicle. Accordingly, we grant this licence for a full year.

Meeting concluded : 10.55 am