

ROAD TRANSPORT LICENSING COMMITTEE

Committee Meeting

Minutes of a meeting held in public of the Road Transport Licensing Committee ("the Committee" or "the RTLC") held at 10:30 on Thursday 7th April 2022 in SilverDale Boardroom at Thie Slieau Whallian, Foxdale Road, St John's.

Present: Mr G Curphey (Chair)
Miss M Norman (Vice Chair)
Mr C Kniveton
Mr M Devereau
Mr J McBride

In attendance: Mr N Capewell (Secretary)
Mr S Callister (Project Co-ordinator)

The meeting commenced at 10:30.

Mr J Delivron - New PPV Operator Registration

The Secretary advised that the applicant wished to register as a new operator registration under Part "A" of the Register of Public Passenger Vehicles through the addition of one Class A – Modern Style Executive Private Hire car. He added that the operating centre was identified in the application as 19 Westbourne Road, Ramsey and that an assurance from the Planning Section at the Department of Environment, Food and Agriculture ("Planning") regarding the suitability of the proposed centre would not be required.

Mr Delivron entered the meeting at 10:36 and elected to give evidence under affirmation.

Mr Delivron advised that he wished to become a taxi operator and drive from Thursdays to Saturdays from 18:00 until late to supplement his main source of income, which was Manx Sharp Blades Ltd, a business he owned. He confirmed that he had lived in the Isle of Man since September 2008 and had been a PPV driver since February 2015, driving mainly for Lezayre Cabs and Elegance.

Mr Delivron told the Committee that he was a qualified car mechanic and finished university as a transport engineer. As a result, he would be performing most of the minor maintenance on the vehicle himself. He would use his contacts in local garages such as Autologic for anything else. He circulated his daily check sheet (which had not been filled in) and advised that the purpose of this was to formalise the visual and sound checks that he would perform on his vehicle. He confirmed that he would also perform weekly checks on vehicle fluids and monthly inspections where the underside of his vehicle could be checked for faults.

The Committee suggested that he should add a daily mileage column to his check sheet and reminded him that, should he employ any drivers in the future, he should enter into a written contract which would oblige them to inform him should their medical circumstances change to the extent that it would affect their ability to drive or if they were convicted of any offences.

Mr Delivron said that he understood and demonstrated some knowledge of the Road Transport Act 2001 ("the Act") and its supporting regulations. He had brought a copy of the Act and the Guide to Roadworthiness with him.

Mr Delivron stated that he would purchase a vehicle from the RTLC's approved Class A Executive Private Hire list, but had not yet decided what type of vehicle he was going to purchase. Although he had not brought a written business plan to the meeting, he was able to confirm that he was of sufficient financial standing to purchase and maintain the vehicle going forward.

The Secretary advised Mr Delivron that, if his application to become a Private Hire operator was successful, all journeys must be pre-booked and he was not restricted to a particular area of the Island. He was also under no obligation to install a meter, but could do so if he wished. Mr Delivron confirmed that he would use Elegance as a service provider.

The Committee reminded Mr Delivron that they received copies of all PPV test failures from the Vehicle Test Centre.

Mr Delivron left the meeting at 11:05 and the Committee proceeded to discuss the application.

The meeting was adjourned for private business at 11:09 and resumed at 11:29.

Mr JC Lawson – Variation to PPV Operator Registration

The Secretary said that the applicant wished to vary his operator registration under Part "A" of the Register of Public Passenger Vehicles through a change of registered address and operating centre. He added that the new registered address and operating centre were identified in the application as 18 Rosehill Mews, Douglas. An assurance from Planning regarding the suitability of the proposed centre was not required.

The Secretary stated that, should the application be successful, the applicant would surrender 22 Fuchsia Lane, Douglas and 99 King Edward Road, Onchan as approved operating centres.

The Committee proceeded to discuss the application.

Mr WB Kneen – Section 29 Ply for Hire Service Licence Application

The Secretary advised that the applicant wished to apply for a Section 29 Ply for Hire Service Licence on expiry, through the provision of one Ply for Hire taxi in the East District and one Ply for Hire taxi in the South District.

The Committee proceeded to discuss the application.

Mr GG Rees – Section 29 Ply for Hire Service Licence Application

The Secretary said that the applicant wished to apply for a Section 29 Ply for Hire Service Licence on expiry, through the provision of one Ply for Hire taxi in the East District and one Ply for Hire taxi in the Malew District.

The Committee proceeded to discuss the application.

Mr JA Stephen – Section 29 Ply for Hire Service Licence Application

The Secretary stated that the applicant wished to apply for a Section 29 Ply for Hire Service Licence on expiry, through the provision of one Ply for Hire taxi in the East District.

The Committee proceeded to discuss the application.

Mr JC Lawson – Section 29 Ply for Hire Service Licence Application

The Secretary advised that the applicant wished to apply for a Section 29 Ply for Hire Service Licence on expiry, through the provision of one Ply for Hire taxi in the East District.

The Committee proceeded to discuss the application.

Urgent Matters as Approved by the Chair

There being no other business, the public meeting closed at 11:40.

**The minutes were signed by the Chair
Mr G Curphey on 24 May 2022**

Noel Capewell
Secretary
Road Transport Licensing Committee