

ROAD TRANSPORT LICENSING COMMITTEE

Committee Meeting

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

Present: Mr G Curphey (Chair)
 Mr C Kniveton
 Mr J McBride

Absent: Miss M Norman (Vice Chair)
 Mr M Devereau

In attendance: Mr NC Capewell (Secretary)
 Mr SM Callister (Project Co-ordinator)

The meeting commenced at 10:33.

Mr P McAdam – Variation of an Operator Registration and New Section 29 Ply for Hire Service Licence Applications

The Secretary advised that the applicant wished to vary his operator registration through the addition of one Section 29 Ply for Hire vehicle of up to eight passenger seats in the East District, following the transfer of business under the provisions of the Road Transport Regulations 2018, from the previous operator Mr GR Cowell. In order to operate this vehicle, Mr McAdam had also applied for a new Section 29 Ply for Hire Service Licence ("S29 Service Licence").

The Secretary stated that the registered address / operating centre was identified in the application as Flat 2, Block 3, James Street, Douglas and he added that an assurance from the Planning Section at the Department of Environment, Food and Agriculture ("Planning") may be required.

Mr McAdam entered the meeting at 10:40 and elected to give evidence under oath.

The Committee asked Mr McAdam to explain his proposed operating centre arrangements. Mr McAdam confirmed that he had sold his private vehicle and would apply to Douglas Borough Council to transfer his parking permit to his PPV when he had transferred ownership into his name.

Mr McAdam said that he wished to surrender 15 Saddle Mews, Douglas as an operating centre and assumed that Planning would have no issue with him keeping his PPV outside his home address. The Secretary advised him that, rather than being interested in the total number of vehicles parked outside his house, Planning were interested in the number of commercial vehicles parked there. Mr Callister agreed to check with Planning to see if Mr McAdam's assumption was right and the Secretary advised the Committee that it could offer provisional approval pending Mr Callister's investigations.

The Committee unanimously decided that Mr McAdam's S29 Service Licence should be approved. It then considered his application to vary his operator registration and decided to provisionally approve it pending Mr Callister's investigations with Planning.

Mr McAdam left the meeting at 10:49.

After meeting note: Mr Callister spoke to Abigail Morgan from Planning, who confirmed that Planning would be satisfied with Mr McAdam's arrangement, as long as only one PPV was kept there. The variation application was therefore formally approved.

Mr JD Musgrove – Variation of an Operator Registration

The Secretary advised that the applicant wished to vary his Section 29 Ply for Hire Service Licence as well as his operator registration through the combination of his East District service with the Malew District service from his existing South and Malew District licence into one Ply for Hire licence.

If approved, the number of vehicles that the applicant was able to operate would be reduced from three to two – the applicant would be then be entitled to operate two vehicles in both East / Malew Districts.

The Committee discussed the application and unanimously decided to approve it.

Mr AL Lumber – Variation of an Operator Registration

The Secretary stated that the applicant wished to vary his operator registration through a change of registered address and operating centre.

The new registered address / operating centre was identified in the application as 6 Palace View Apartments, Douglas and he added that an assurance from Planning would not be required.

Should the application be successful, the applicant will be surrendering 163 Spectrum Apartments, Douglas as an approved operating centre.

The Committee discussed the application and unanimously decided to approve it.

Mr DA Mackey – Variation of an Operator Registration

The Secretary said that the applicant wished to vary his operator registration through a change of registered address and addition of an operating centre.

The new registered address / operating centre was identified in the application as Flat 49, Queens Apartments, Douglas. He added that an assurance from Planning would not be required and, if approved, the applicant would surrender Flat 56, Queens Apartments, Douglas as an approved operating centre.

The Committee discussed the application and unanimously decided to approve it.

Bus Vannin – Section 25 Regular Service Licence Applications

The Secretary advised that the applicant wished to vary six Regular Service Licences ("RSLs") as follows:

RSL No. 02/08 – Services 1, 1A, 1H, 2, 2A, 2C, 11, 11A, 12, 12A, and N1

A regular service of stage vehicles between;

- Onchan, Birch Hill and Port Erin/Port St Mary via the Airport & Castletown (1, 1A, 11, 12, 12A).
- Nobles Hospital or Hailwood Avenue and Port Erin/Port St Mary via the Airport & Castletown (1H).
- Onchan, Ballachrink and Port Erin/Port St Mary via the Airport & Castletown (2, 2A, 2C).

- Douglas and Port Erin/Port St Mary (N1).

The service currently operates;

- On Mondays to Saturdays between the Promenades, Central Douglas and Port Erin at least every 15 minutes during the day and hourly during the later evening.
- On Sundays it operates every 20 minutes, with slightly reduced early morning and evening frequency.
- Night Owl (N1) journeys only operate on Friday and Saturday nights.

To operate the service by making the following amendments;

- A general re-timing.
- To re-introduce the morning commuter and school day journeys.

Why are the variations required?

- Operational experience – especially with the one way system currently in place in Castle Street in Castletown. General headways, every 20 minutes during the day, every 30 minutes in the early morning and every 30 minutes in the evening, will be maintained.
- Start of the new school year.

The Committee discussed the application and unanimously decided to approve it.

RSL No. 02/09 – Services 22, 22H, 25, 25B and 25H.

A regular service of stage vehicles between;

- Nobles Hospital and Willaston/Birch Hill via Central Douglas & Bucks Road (22/22H) or via Victoria Road (25/25H).
- Schooldays journey between Central Douglas and Bemahague School via Victoria Road (25B).

To operate the service by making the following amendments;

- Re-introduction of school day journeys.

Why is the variation required?

- Start of the new school year.

The Committee discussed the application and unanimously decided to approve it. It asked the Secretary to write to Bus Vannin to formally approve the application.

RSL No. 02/10 – Services 4, 4B, 4R, 13, 14, 8, 8R, N8 and 28.

A regular service of stage vehicles between;

- Douglas and Peel via Foxdale & Patrick (4, 4B).
- School day only journeys between Peel & Niarbyl and Braaid/Foxdale to Castletown (4, 14).
- Infrequent Monday to Friday journeys between Peel & Niarbyl and Douglas/Foxdale to Castletown (4, 14).
- Infrequent Monday to Friday daytime journeys to Groudle and Ballaughton Manor Hill / Cooil Road (13).
- Infrequent Summer Saturday and Sunday service between Peel and Castletown or Peel and Port Erin (4R, 8, 8R).

- Approximate hourly Summer Saturday and Sunday service between Port Erin and The Sound (28).
- Occasional journeys between Peel and Port Erin via St Johns & Foxdale (N8).

To operate the service by making the following amendments;

- Re-introduction of school day journeys.
- Re-introduction of the southern section of the Service 13 (re-numbered 14B) to provide an hourly daytime service from Lower Douglas to Ballaughton Manor Hill (in conjunction with the Service 4B) and a service to Cooil Road (Close Fletcher).

Why are the variations required?

- Start of the new school year.
- Requests from residents of the areas.

The Committee discussed the application and unanimously decided to approve it.

RSL No. 02/13 – Services 5, 5A, 5C, 6, 6A, 6C, N5, and N6.

A regular service of stage vehicles between;

- Douglas and Ramsey via Crosby, St. John's, Peel, Kirk Michael and Ballaugh.

The service currently operates;

- Between Douglas and Peel approximately every 30 minutes during the day with alternate journeys providing an hourly service between Peel and Ramsey.
- Hourly between Douglas and Peel during the later evening with some journeys between Peel and Ramsey.
- Half hourly on Sundays between Douglas and Peel and every 2 hours between Peel and Ramsey during the day with less frequent journeys during the evening.
- Night Owl (N5) journeys only operate on Friday and Saturday nights.

To operate the service by making the following amendments;

- Re-introduction of school day journeys.

Why is the variation required?

- Start of the new school year.

The Committee discussed the application and unanimously decided to approve it.

RSL No. 02/19 – Services 3, 3A, 3B, N3, X3.

A regular service of stage vehicles between;

- Douglas and Ramsey via Laxey.

The service currently operates;

- Between Douglas and Ramsey via Laxey – operating every 30 minutes Monday to Saturday daytime and hourly evenings and Sundays (3, 3A, X3).
- Night Owl (N3) journeys only operate on Friday and Saturday nights.

To operate the service by making the following amendments;

- Re-introduction of school day journeys.

Why is the variation required?

- Start of the new school year.

The Committee discussed the application and unanimously decided to approve it.

RSL No. 02/44 – Services 21, 21A, 21B and 21H.

A regular service of stage vehicles between;

- Central Douglas and Anagh Coar/Farm Hill via Pulrose & Spring Valley (21) with some journeys extending to IoM Business Park (21B) or extending to Nobles Hospital (21H).

To operate the service by making the following amendments;

- Re-introduction of a daytime Monday to Saturday journey every 30 minutes to Pulrose, Anagh Coar and Farmhill.
- Re-introduction of school day journeys.

Why is the variation required?

- Public requests.
- Start of the new school year.

The Committee discussed the application and unanimously decided to approve it.

Urgent Matters as Approved by the Chair

There were no other urgent matters that had not previously been discussed. As a result, the meeting closed at 10:59.

**The minutes were signed by the Chair
Mr G Curphey on 28th October 2022.**

Noel Capewell
Secretary
Road Transport Licensing Committee