

SELBY DISTRICT COUNCIL

Minutes of the proceedings of a meeting of the Licensing Committee held on Monday 15 January 2007, in Committee Room 2, The Civic Centre, Portholme Road, Selby, commencing at 10.00 am.

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Present: Councillor R Sayner in the Chair

Councillors: Mrs J Ashton, G Croston, Mrs D Davies, Mrs S Duckett, Mrs J Dyson, Mrs K McSherry, C Pearson and D Peart.

Officials: Head of Service – Legal and Democratic Services, Licensing Enforcement Officer and Committee Administrator

Observers: Mr A Leyland – Enforcement Officer

Public: 0

Press: 0

1407 **Apologies for Absence and Substitution**

Apologies were received from Councillor J McCartney.

1408 **Disclosure of Interest**

None received.

1409 **Minutes**

Resolved:

That the minutes of the proceedings of the meeting of the Licensing Committee held on 11 December 2006 be confirmed as a correct record and be signed by the Chair.

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Procedure

The Procedure was noted.

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Chair's Address to the Licensing Committee

The chair gave no address to councillors.

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Private Session

That in accordance with Section 100(A)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business, as there will be disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Section 12A of the Act, as amended by the Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) Order 2006.

1413

Application for a Hackney Carriage Licence

Councillors received the report of the Head of Service – Legal and Democratic Services for the grant of a Hackney Carriage Licence for a Volkswagen Passat, a vehicle not fully accessible to the disabled.

The Licensing Officer outlined the details of the case.

The applicant informed councillors that he was not in a position to be able to purchase a wheelchair accessible vehicle and his accounts also showed he would suffer financial hardship.

Following discussion it was agreed that the applicant be granted a Hackney Carriage Vehicle Licence in respect of a Volkswagen Passat.

Resolved:

That the application for a Hackney Carriage Licence be granted in respect of the vehicle, with the vehicle being exempted from the requirement for it to be fully accessible to the disabled, on the basis that hardship grounds had been satisfied.

1415

Application for a Hackney Carriage Licence

Councillors received the report of the Head of Service – Legal and Democratic Services to re-consider an application for the granting of a

Hackney Carriage Licence for a Volkswagen Passat, a vehicle not accessible to the disabled.

On the 11 December 2006, the applicant appeared before the Licensing Committee but was unable to produce a copy of his up-to-date accounts. As a consequence, the Licensing Committee deferred proceedings until the applicant could produce a more complete record of his finances.

On 9 January 2007 a letter was received from the applicant informing the Committee that copies of the up-to-date accounts were still not available and requesting that the matter be deferred until the next meeting of the Licensing Committee which is to be held on 12 February 2007.

Councillors agreed that this item be deferred until the next meeting which would take place on 12 February 2007 at which the matter would be determined. It was agreed that the Licensing Officer send the applicant a letter outlining that this issue would be heard on 12 February 2007 and if he failed to attend on this occasion the matter would be resolved in his absence

Resolved:

That the application be deferred until 12 February 2007 and the applicant be informed that the application would be determined at that meeting.

1415 **Public Session**

1416 **Hackney Carriage Tariffs and Licence Fees**

Councillors received a report with regard to the annual review of the Hackney Carriage Tariffs and Licence Fees.

The Licensing Enforcement Officer provided councillors with a summary of the proposals.

After consideration, councillors agreed the proposals put forward by the Licensing Officer in respect both of the Hackney Carriage tariffs and also the Licensing fees.

Councillors requested that Tim Grogan and Joan Cooper be thanked for their work on the hackney carriage tariffs.

Resolved:

- (i) That the tariff increase be as proposed in the report;**
- (ii) That the proposed licence fees for the several types of licence set out in the report be agreed.**

The meeting closed at 10.55 am.