

SELBY DISTRICT COUNCIL

Minutes of the proceedings of a meeting of the Licensing Committee held on Monday 23 April 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: G Croston, Mrs D Davies, N Martin (for Mrs S Duckett), J McCartney, Mrs K McSherry, C Pearson and D Peart.

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

Public: 0

Press: 0

1678 **Apologies for Absence and Substitution**

Apologies were received from Councillors Mrs S Duckett and Mrs J Dyson.

Substitute Councillor was N Martin (for Mrs S Duckett).

1679 **Disclosure of Interest**

None.

1680 **Minutes**

Resolved:

That the minutes of the proceedings of the meeting of the Licensing Committee held on 12 March 2007 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 wished the councillors present all the best in the forthcoming election. He also thanked Councillors Croston and Peart, who would not be standing for re-election 3 May 2007, for their hard work on the Licensing Committee over the last four years.

Public Session

1683

Discreet Licensing Issue

Councillors received the report of the Licensing Enforcement Officer to seek a decision regarding the approval of the grant of a private hire vehicle licence in respect of Mr Margerison and that the licence be discreet in manner.

Mr Margerison had applied for a Private Hire Vehicle Licence in respect of a Chrysler 300C Touring motor vehicle. Mr Margerison requested that such a licence be discreet as a consequence of his proposed customers who had booked the car for weddings and corporate events.

The licence disc would be provided on a red background, thereby replicating the colour of the private hire vehicle plate. The driver would, however, be required to keep the private hire plates within the vehicle.

Resolved:

That the approval of a private hire vehicle licence in the form of a disc identifying the registration number as a private hire vehicle be approved.

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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.

1685

Application for Hackney Carriage Licence

Councillors received the report of the Licensing Enforcement Officer for the grant of a Hackney Carriage Licence for a Renault Espace, a vehicle not fully accessible to the disabled.

The Licensing Enforcement Officer outlined the details of the case.

The driver concerned outlined his reasons for the application and gave an explanation of why his accounts were not audited and why the accounts for 2005/06 had not been produced. Councillors questioned the driver as to the circumstances of the application.

It was agreed that the driver would produce up-to-date and signed accounts at the next meeting.

Resolved:

That the driver concerned produce up-to-date records and signed accounts at the next meeting of the Licensing Committee.

1686

Application for Hackney Carriage Driver's Licence

Councillors deferred this item until the next meeting of the Licensing Committee, to be held on Monday 4 June 2007, as a consequence of the non-appearance of the applicant.

Resolved:

That this item be deferred until Monday 4 June 2007.

That the officer write to the applicant and inform him that the application would be determined on Monday 4 June 2007.

1687

Consideration of fitness of licensed Hackney Carriage Driver to operate on behalf of Selby District Council

Councillors received the report of the Licensing Enforcement Officer to consider whether the applicant was a fit and proper person to be granted a Hackney Carriage Driver's Licence.

Councillors decided after hearing all relevant information pertaining to the case that the driver be issued with a written warning about his future behaviour and his failure to conform with conditions. In addition, it was also decided that the outcome of his current court case would be reported as soon as possible to the Licensing Enforcement Officer.

Resolved:

That a written warning be issued about the licensee's future behaviour and failure to conform with conditions. In addition the outcome of the current court case be reported as soon as possible to the Licensing Enforcement Officer.

The meeting closed at 12:25 pm.