

## SELBY DISTRICT COUNCIL

Minutes of the proceedings of a meeting of the Licensing Committee held on Monday 7 January 2008, in Committee Room 2, The Civic Centre, Portholme Road, Selby, commencing at 10:00 am.

557	Minutes
558	Procedure
559	Chair's Address to the Licensing Committee
560	Private Session
561	Complaint about behaviour of Hackney Carriage Driver
562	Application for a Hackney Carriage Licence
563	Application for a Private Hire Driver's Licence
564	Any Other Business

Present: Councillor R Sayner in the Chair

Councillors: Mrs D Davies, Mrs J Dyson, Mrs C Mackman (*for Mrs A Spetch*), B Marshall (*for Mrs S Duckett*), J McCartney, Mrs K McSherry, C Pearson, Mrs S Ryder, and Mrs D White.

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

Public: 0

Press: 0

### 555 **Apologies for Absence and Substitution**

Apologies were received from Councillors Mrs S Duckett and Mrs A Spetch.

Substitute Councillors were Councillors B Marshall (*for Mrs S Duckett*) and Mrs C Mackman (*for Mrs A Spetch*).

It was agreed that the Licensing Committee send a get well card to the home of Councillor Mrs Duckett who had been in hospital.

### 556 **Disclosure of Interest**

None.

557

## **Minutes**

### **Resolved:**

**That the minutes of the proceedings of the meeting of the Licensing Sub Committee held on 26 November 2007 be confirmed as a correct record and be signed by the Chair.**

558

## **Procedure**

The Procedure was noted.

559

## **Chair's Address to the Licensing Committee**

The Chair informed councillors that a recent appeal to the Crown Court against a decision of the Committee had been adjourned.

560

## **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.**

561

## **Complaint about behaviour of Hackney Carriage Driver**

Councillors received the report of the Licensing Enforcement Officer in respect of an allegation that the Hackney Carriage Driver had been witnessed both smoking and using a mobile telephone within his hackney carriage.

Due to the Hackney Carriage Driver's non-attendance at Committee it was agreed that a special meeting be called on Monday 21 January 2008 for this application to be heard.

### **Resolved:**

**That the applicant be requested to attend a special meeting of the Licensing Committee to be held on Monday 21 January 2008 at 10:00 am for his application to be heard.**

562

### **Application for a Hackney Carriage Licence**

Councillors received the report of the Licensing Enforcement Officer for the grant of a Hackney Carriage Licence for a Ford Focus, 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.

After consideration, councillors agreed that the application be deferred until the next meeting of the Licensing Committee which would take place on Monday 18 February 2008, where the applicant would be expected to produce his Income and Expenditure Accounts and any further details he had submitted to HM Revenue & Customs in connection with his accounts.

#### **Resolved:**

**That the application be deferred until 18 February 2008 and that the applicant be requested to present to the committee the appropriate accounts/paper work in relation to his application.**

563

### **Application for a Private Hire Driver's Licence**

Councillors received the report of the Licensing Enforcement Officer in respect of the applicant's desire to be issued with a Private Hire Driver's Licence and his fitness to operate as a consequence of a CRB disclosure.

The Licensing Enforcement Officer outlined details of the case.

The applicant then gave details of the concerns raised by the content of the disclosure.

Councillors gave consideration to the full facts regarding this matter and agreed that the applicant be granted a Private Hire Driver's Licence.

#### **Resolved:**

**That the applicant be granted a Private Hire Driver's Licence.**

## **Any Other Business**

### **Licence Fees**

The Chair informed councillors that the licence fees were coming up for renewal and that the Committee should be looking at applying a substantial percentage increase in line with surrounding districts.

The Licensing Enforcement Officer handed councillors a copy of Hackney Carriage/Private Hire comparative costs for their information.

### **Vehicle Testing**

The Licensing Enforcement Officer informed councillors that the mechanic who carries out the vehicle testing on the taxis was on long term sick leave and Onyx were carrying out the work at the present time.

It was agreed that the process of tendering for this work be looked at, at a future meeting of the Committee.

The meeting closed at 11:03 am.