

SELBY DISTRICT COUNCIL

Minutes of the proceedings of a meeting of the Licensing Committee held on Monday 18 February 2008, in Committee Room 2, The Civic Centre, Portholme Road, Selby, commencing at 10:00 am.

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Present: Councillor C Pearson in the Chair

Councillors: Mrs D Davies, Mrs J Dyson, Mrs S Duckett, J Mackman (*for R Sayner*), Mrs K McSherry, Mrs S Ryder, Mrs A Spetch and Mrs D White.

Officials: Solicitor, Licensing Enforcement Officer and Committee Administrator

Public: 1

Press: 0

688 **Apologies for Absence and Substitution**

Apologies were received from Councillors J McCartney and R Sayner.

Substitute Councillor was J Mackman (*for R Sayner*).

689 **Disclosure of Interest**

None.

690 **Minutes**

Resolved:

That the minutes of the proceedings of the meetings of the Licensing Committee held on 7 January and 21 January 2008 be confirmed as a correct record and be signed by the Chair.

691 **Procedure**

The Procedure was noted.

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

The Chair informed councillors that a letter had been received from an applicant informing the Committee that he would be taking Court action against the Council.

693 **Licensing Fees**

Councillors received the report of the Licensing Enforcement Officer in respect of the review of licensing fees. Permission was sought to increase the current licensing fees.

The Licensing Section proposed an increase this year of 5% for all fees, in line with Council policy, with the exception of fees for riding establishments for which a proposed increase of £50 was requested to accommodate an increase in veterinary fees, and Hackney Carriage and Private Hire fees.

In respect of Hackney Carriage and Private Hire licence fees the two proposals were that the fees should be reviewed annually and that they be raised by 10%.

The reason for the increase was to bring Selby District Council in line with neighbouring authorities.

Resolved: That

- (i) the fees be reviewed annually;**
- (ii) that licensing fees be increased by 5% for 2008/09 with the exception of Hackney Carriage and Private Hire fees which will be raised by 10%; and the fees for riding establishments will be increased by £50.**

694 **Hackney Carriage Tariffs**

Councillors received the report of the Licensing Enforcement Officer with regard to the annual review of Hackney Carriage tariffs. Permission was sought to raise the flag rate for the first $\frac{3}{4}$ mile from £2.50 to £3.00.

Resolved:

That the Hackney Carriage Tariff in connection with the flag rate for the first $\frac{3}{4}$ mile be raised from £2.50 to £3.00.

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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.

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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.

This application was before Committee due to it being deferred at the meeting held on 7 January 2008 for the applicant to produce a copy of his accounts. Unfortunately, the accounts were still not available and the committee felt unable to reach a decision in the absence of the relevant information required.

It was agreed that this item be deferred until 17 March 2008 or a later date by which the information might be made available. For the matter to be dealt with at the March hearing the applicant was informed that the necessary information required to be available by 7 March 2008.

Resolved:

That this application be deferred until 17 March 2008 or a later date as and when the relevant information is made available.

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Complaint about behaviour of Hackney Carriage Driver

Councillors received the report of the Licensing Enforcement Officer in respect of an allegation that a Hackney Carriage Driver had used both a licensed Hackney Carriage and a vehicle replacing that Hackney Carriage under the terms of a temporary Hackney Carriage plate simultaneously on the 21 and 22 December 2007.

Councillors were asked to consider whether this individual was a fit and proper person to be licensed by Selby District Council.

The Licensing Enforcement Officer outlined details of the case to councillors and answered questions raised.

The Hackney Carriage Driver explained that his behaviour was as a consequence of lack of knowledge and lack of attention to detail. He apologised for his behaviour.

The Committee deliberated over the decision as to whether this driver was a fit and proper person and it was agreed that the driver be given a written warning advising him as to his future conduct.

Resolved:

That the Hackney Carriage Driver receive a written warning as to his future conduct.

The meeting closed at 11:15 am.