

Minutes

Licensing Committee

Venue:	Committee Room
Date:	8 June 2015
Present:	Councillors C Pearson (Chair), Mrs S Duckett, Mrs J Chilvers, M Hobson, M Jordan, B Marshall, R Sweeting, J Thurlow, Mrs D White and D Peart (for K Ellis).
Apologies for Absence:	K Ellis (sub D Peart)
Officers Present:	Gill Marshall – Solicitor to the Council, Tim Grogan – Senior Enforcement Officer, and JD Laux - Graduate Democratic Services Officer.

1. MINUTES

The Committee considered the minutes of the Licensing Committee held on 13 April 2015. It was agreed to make the following amendments:

- Under section 73, the second paragraph should read ‘The Committee then discussed the matter and considered its decision...’
- Under section 75, in the second paragraph the word ‘mental’ should be replaced by metal.
- Under section 75, in the second paragraph the word ‘they’ should be replaced so that the sentence reads ‘...to check any previous incidents in which he/she had been involved in.’
- Under section 75, the second bullet point should be reworded to say that ‘...it was defined in legislation that a dealer is not permitted to hold a site license and collector’s license for the same authority’.

RESOLVED:

To APPROVE the minutes of the Licensing Committee meeting held on 13 April 2015 with the above amendments and they be signed by the Chair as a true record.

2. DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

3. START TIME OF MEETINGS 2015/16

It was resolved to continue holding Licensing Committee meetings on Mondays at 10am.

4. PROCEDURE

A new procedure was issued at the meeting; with an updated section g. This was noted.

5. CHAIR'S ADDRESS TO THE LICENSING COMMITTEE

The Chair acknowledged the licensing training that took place on Friday 5th June. There were no further updates.

6. PRIVATE SESSION

RESOLVED:

That in accordance with Section 100(A)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, in view of the nature of the business to be transacted, the meeting be not open to the Press and public during discussion of the following item as there will be disclosure of exempt information as defined in Section 100(1) of the Act as described in paragraph 7 of Part 1 of Schedule 12(A) of the Act.

7. ISSUE CONCERNING THE BEHAVIOUR OF A HACKNEY CARRIAGE VEHICLE DRIVER

The Senior Enforcement Officer presented the Report L/15/1 which outlined a complaint that had been received against a licenced Hackney Carriage Vehicle Driver. The Committee considered whether the driver was a fit and proper person to drive a Hackney Carriage Vehicle within Selby District. The driver was in attendance.

Councillors were given the opportunity to question the driver in connection with the matter. The Committee discussed the matter and considered all the relevant issues.

RESOLVED:

That in the light of the explanation given and the offer of an apology, no further action be taken against the driver.

8. ISSUE CONCERNING THE BEHAVIOUR OF A HACKNEY CARRIAGE VEHICLE DRIVER

The respective driver was not able to attend the meeting, and the Chair read out an email from the driver stating their absence and requesting the item be deferred so

they could attend. The Committee decided to defer the item to the next meeting of the Committee.

RESOLVED:

To DEFER the item to a future meeting.

9. ISSUE CONCERNING THE BEHAVIOUR OF A HACKNEY CARRIAGE VEHICLE DRIVER

The respective driver was not in attendance, however as the item had previously been deferred due to their absence and as the respective driver had not expressed any wish to attend, the Committee agreed to hear the case in their absence.

The Senior Enforcement Officer presented the Report L/15/3 which outlined a complaint that had been received against a licenced Hackney Carriage Vehicle Driver. The Committee considered whether the driver was a fit and proper person to drive a Hackney Carriage Vehicle within Selby District.

The Committee discussed the matter and considered all the relevant issues.

RESOLVED:

That the driver receive a formal written warning, to be placed on their record for 6 months.

The Committee moved back into public session.

The meeting closed at 10.50am.