

LICENSING COMMITTEE
Thursday, 7th February 2013.

PRESENT: Councillor Wright (*in the Chair*), Councillors Davies, Gee, Liddle, Oldfield, Pearson, David, Walsh and Whalley.

RESOLUTIONS

11. Welcome and Apologies

The Chair welcomed those present and apologies from Councillors Hussain, Tapp and Smith were submitted and noted.

12. Minutes of the meeting held on 24th September 2012

RESOLVED - That the Minutes of the meeting held on 24th September 2012 be received and signed as a correct record.

13. Declarations of Interest in items on this agenda

There were no declarations of interest made.

14. Licensing Update Report

The committee were provided with an update on the current national consultations on licensing issues. The consultations covered the following areas:-

- Street Trading Licenses and Pedlars,
- Minimum Unit Price for Alcohol
- The Security Industry
- On line Car Insurance Documents

The committee were informed that further reports would be submitted to the committee on each of these issues when necessary to inform members of the impact of any proposed changes etc.

Resolved-

That the content of the report be noted.

15. Application for an increase in Hackney Carriage Fares.

The Committee received a request from members of the Hackney Drivers Association Ltd for an increase in Hackney Carriage Fares. The Chair pointed out that the Chair of the Association had indicated that he wished to attend the Committee and as he had not yet arrived with the

consent of the committee he wished to defer the item until later in the meeting.

Resolved-

That this item be considered later in the meeting to enable the Chair of the Hackney Drivers Association to arrive.

16. Exclusion of Press and Public.

It was resolved that the press and public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following items by virtue of Paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972

17. Minutes of the Licensing Sub-Committees.

Resolved-

That the minutes of the General Licensing Sub-Committees held on 23rd October, 2012, 27th November 2012, 11th December 2012 and 22nd January 2013 and the Licensing Act Sub Committee held on 30th October 2012 be approved.

At this point in the meeting the committee returned to the item deferred earlier in the meeting and admitted members of the public.

18. Application for an increase in Hackney Carriage Fares.

The Committee consider a report of the Principal Licensing Officer outlining a request received from the Hackney Carriage Trade for an increase in Hackney Carriage Fares. With the consent of the Members Mr Oakes, Chair of the Hackney Drivers Association addressed the Committee on the request submitted by his Association and the reasons for the request. The chair drew attention to the fact that Blackburn Hackney Carriage Association had stated that they did not want to see any changes to the present fare structure. He asked if Mr Oakes could look at the possibility of a joint application supported by both associations and the committee would then re-consider any request.

Resolved

That the request to consider an increase in the Hackney Carriage Fares be not supported at this present time and that the Committee will reconsider any request received jointly from both associations.

Signed.....
Chair of the meeting at which the Minutes were signed

Date.....