

SELBY DISTRICT COUNCIL

Minutes of the proceedings of a meeting of the Licensing Committee held on 24 April 2006, in Committee Room 2, The Civic Centre, Portholme Road, Selby, commencing at 10.00 am.

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787	Chair's Address to the Licensing Committee
788	Private Session
789	Consideration of Fitness of Licensed Private Hire Driver to Operate on behalf of Selby District Council
790	Application by Hackney Carriage Driver for a Hackney Carriage Licence
791	Public Session
792	Hackney Carriage Tariffs and Fees

Present: Councillor R Sayner in the Chair

Councillors: Mrs J Ashton, Mrs D Davies, Mrs S Duckett, Mrs J Dyson, B Marshall (for G Croston), Mrs K McSherry, C Pearson and D Peart.

Officials: Head of Legal and Democratic Services and Committee Administrator

Observers: Councillor W Norton

Public: 0

Press: 0

784 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND SUBSTITUTION

Apologies were received from Councillor G Croston.

Substitute Member was Councillor B Marshall.

785 DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

None

786 PROCEDURE

787 CHAIR'S ADDRESS TO THE LICENSING COMMITTEE

The Chair informed Members that the launch of 'Best Bar None' held on 11 April 2006 was well attended with licencees from all over the District and not just Selby Town.

Mr Grogan reported the launch had been a success with 55 premises represented and 20 apologies for absence being received.

The Chair informed the Committee of the outcome of the decision made at Crown Court in York on Friday 21 April 2006 in the case against Mr Dennis. She thanked the Licensing Officer for his hard work.

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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 consideration of the following items as there will be a disclosure of exempt information as defined in Section 100(1) of the Act as described in paragraphs 4 and 7 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Act.

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CONSIDERATION OF FITNESS OF LICENSED PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER TO OPERATE ON BEHALF OF SELBY DISTRICT COUNCIL

The Licensing Officer presented a report asking Members to consider the fitness of the driver to operate as a Private Hire Driver.

The Licensing Officer outlined details of the case regarding an investigation by Police following an allegation of assault.

The driver concerned outlined details of the case and Members questioned the driver as to the full circumstances of the incident.

RESOLVED:

That the driver is considered to be a fit and proper person to be licensed to drive a Private Hire Vehicle and the suspension of his licence be lifted.

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APPLICATION BY HACKNEY CARRIAGE DRIVER FOR A HACKNEY CARRIAGE LICENCE

The Licensing Officer presented a report asking Members to consider an application for the grant of a hackney carriage licence for a Ford Escort, a vehicle not fully accessible to disabled users, on the grounds of hardship.

The Licensing Officer outlined details of the case, adding that this was this particular operator's second application on grounds of hardship.

The driver concerned outlined his reasons for the application and Members questioned the driver, as to the full circumstances of the application.

RESOLVED: That the application for a Hackney Carriage Licence be granted in respect of the vehicle, with the vehicle being exempted from the requirement for it to be fully accessible to the disabled, on the basis that hardship grounds had been satisfied.

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PUBLIC SESSION

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HACKNEY CARRIAGE TARIFFS AND FEES

Members received the report of the Head of Service – Legal and Democratic Services in respect of the annual review of the hackney carriage tariffs and licensing fees.

The Licensing Officer provided Members with a summary of proposals for tariffs which had been drawn up following notification to, and consultation with, licence holders by the Council over a period from October 2005.

Mr Hawksworth spokesperson for some licence holders was in attendance for this item and handed out a new proposal of charges for Members to consider.

After consideration, Members endorsed the proposals put forward by the Licensing Officer.

Members considered the proposed licence fees and agreed the fees set out in the report which indicated an increase of 6% over the next two years.

RESOLVED:

- (i) **That the tariff increase be as the one proposed in the report;**
- (ii) **That the licensing fees be increased by 6% over the next two years.**

The meeting closed at 11.45 am.