

LICENSING COMMITTEE

Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday, 18th April 2018 at Worksop Town Hall

Present: Councillor J Potts (Chair)
Councillors J R Anderson, B A Bowles, G Clarkson, K M Greaves, S Isard, G Jones, D Merryweather, A Smith and K Sutton.

Officers in attendance: S Bacon and B Pinkney.

(Meeting opened at 6.30pm.)

(The Chair welcomed all to the meeting and read out the Fire Alarm/Evacuation Procedure. She also enquired as to whether any member of the public wished to film/record the meeting or any part thereof; however, although the applicant was present, this was not taken up).

46. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors H M Brand and D R Pressley.

47. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST BY MEMBERS AND OFFICERS

(a) Members

There were no Declarations of Interest by members.

(b) Officers

There were no Declarations of Interest by officers.

48. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 17TH JANUARY 2018

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting held on 17th January 2018 be approved.

49. MINUTES FOR ACTION

In relation to Minute No. 42(a) members were advised that the Fees and Charges for Licences have been implemented at the start of April.

Members were advised that Minute No. 44(c) has been implemented.

RESOLVED that the Minutes for Action be received.

50. OUTSTANDING MINUTES LIST

The Principle Solicitor advised members that the Roadside Catering Policy is currently being drafted. Street trading for the whole district is involved; therefore drafting the policy is time consuming. The Policy will eventually go to full council as it affects the whole district.

RESOLVED that the Outstanding Minutes List be received.

SECTION A – ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION IN PUBLIC

Key Decisions

None.

Other Decisions

51. REPORT(S) OF THE COUNCIL SOLICITOR

(a) Fees and Charges for Licences 2018/19 correction of fees for hackney carriage vehicle (annual) and 6 monthly test for hackney carriage vehicles (over 5 years of age)

Members were asked to consider the correction of an error in the fees and charges schedule for licences for the financial year 2018/19. The error relates to the fee for a Hackney Carriage Vehicle six-monthly test fee.

The Hackney Carriage Vehicle six-monthly test fee has been omitted from the January report.

The fees and charges were originally set at £116 (£104 + £12.00) in June 2017. These figures had failed to be communicated to finance. In January 2018 the increase to £109 was agreed by members, this did not take into account the extra £12.00. The amended fee will include the £12.00.

It was questioned if there is any stipulation on the mileage of the Hackney Carriage Vehicle. It was confirmed that the fee for the six-monthly test is only for vehicles over 5 years of age, mileage will not have an effect on this.

Members were advised that the depo now has delegated powers to remove the plates from a Hackney Carriage Vehicle if there is a cause for concern.

RESOLVED that:

1. Members approve the licence fee for a Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Vehicle (six-monthly test for vehicles over five years old) is set at £121.00 for the financial year 2018/19.
2. The Principle Solicitor be instructed to advertise the fee increase in accordance with section 70 Local Government (Miscellaneous Provision) Act 1976 and to increase the fee at the earliest available date.

SECTION B – ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION IN PRIVATE

Key Decisions

None.

Other Decisions

None

52. ANY OTHER BUSINESS WHICH THE CHAIR CONSIDERS TO BE URGENT.

The Principle Solicitors asked members if they had any requirements for the mandatory licensing training which will be held in Worksop on 5th June 2018.

Members requested that information be provided at the training on street trading and the legislations behind it, and policies that are in place to deal with the disposal of waste.

As there was no other urgent business to be discussed, the Chair closed the meeting.

(Meeting closed at 6:48pm.)