

LICENSING COMMITTEE

Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday, 13th March 2019 at Retford Town Hall

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

Officers in attendance: S Bacon and L Dore.

(Meeting opened at 6.35pm.)

(The Chair welcomed all to the meeting and read out the Fire Evacuation Procedure. She also enquired as to whether any member of the public wished to film the meeting or any part thereof; this was not taken up. There were three members of the public present).

41. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors G Clarkson, D R Pressley and J M Sanger.

42. 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.

43. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 16TH JANUARY 2019

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting held on 16th January 2019 be approved.

44. MINUTES FOR ACTION

The Principal Solicitor (Licensing and Regulatory) (PS(LR)) advised the approved Fees and Charges were being implemented.

The applicant who had requested permission to display advertisements on hackney carriage and private hire vehicles had been advised this had been granted.

(An update on 'Hackney Carriage Scale of Fares – Larger Vehicles' was to be advised under 'Outstanding Minutes List').

RESOLVED that the Minutes for Action be received.

45. OUTSTANDING MINUTES LIST

The PS(LR) advised that in reference to item 35(b) – Roadside Catering Policy, she is in consultation with other local authorities in Nottinghamshire with a view to all the districts adopting

the same policy. In reference to the Hackney Carriage Scale of Fares – Larger Vehicles, the PS(LR) advised she is to visit Pitt Taximeter Services to look at their products and will report back to a future meeting of the Committee on the implications of using meters with an ‘extras’ button.

RESOLVED that the Outstanding Minutes List be received.

SECTION A – ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION IN PUBLIC

Key Decisions

None.

Other Decisions

None.

46. LOCAL GOVERNMENT (ACCESS TO INFORMATION) ACT 1985

RESOLVED that, in accordance with Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, and after considering the public interest test as set out by the officer in the body of the report, Members agreed that the following items of business involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 1 and therefore, in accordance with Section 100A of the Act, the press and public be excluded from the meeting:

Agenda Item No. 6(a) – Application for Combined Hackney Carriage / Private Hire Driver’s Licence – Paragraph 1.

Agenda Item No.67(b) - Application for Combined Hackney Carriage / Private Hire Driver’s Licence – Paragraph 1.

SECTION B – ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION IN PRIVATE

Key Decisions

None.

Other Decisions

47. CHANGE OF AGENDA ORDER

The Chairman advised a change in the Agenda order as the applicant, his sponsor and partner, in reference to Agenda Item No. 6(b), were present.

48. REPORT(S) OF THE PRINCIPAL SOLICITOR (LICENSING AND REGULATORY)

(a) Application for Combined Hackney Carriage / Private Hire Driver’s Licence

Members were asked to consider and determine an application for a 1 year combined Hackney Carriage / Private Hire Driver’s Licence.

The sponsor addressed the Committee and spoke in support of the applicant’s application. The applicant answered member’s questions in support of the request.

(The three members of the public present left the meeting).

RESOLVED that the application for a 1 year combined Hackney Carriage / Private Hire Driver’s Licence be granted.

(b) Application for Combined Hackney Carriage / Private Hire Driver's Licence

Members were asked to consider and determine an application to renew a 3 year combined Hackney Carriage / Private Hire Driver's Licence.

The applicant was not present.

RESOLVED that

1. An application for a 3 year combined Hackney Carriage / Private Hire Driver's Licence be refused.
2. The PS(LR) investigate the applicant's current Hackney Carriage / Private Hire Driver's Licence status and if any licence is in operation, it is to be revoked with immediate effect on the grounds of public safety.

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

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

(Meeting closed at 7.30pm.)