

CANNOCK CHASE COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
LICENSING AND PUBLIC PROTECTION COMMITTEE
MONDAY, 17 JULY 2006
IN THE CIVIC CENTRE, BEECROFT ROAD, CANNOCK
PART 1

PRESENT: Councillors

Easton, R. (Chairman)
Butler, R.D. (Vice-Chairman)

Allen, F.W.C.	Grice, Mrs. D.
Ball, G.D.	Holder, M.J.
Burnett, J.	Williams, B.
Davies, D.N.	

(Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Mrs. P.A. Ansell, I.R. Carr, M.P. Freeman and R.C. Turville)

5. Minutes

RESOLVED:

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 9 June 2006 be approved as a correct record.

6. Licensing Sub-Committee

Consideration was given to the Minutes of the Licensing Sub-Committee held on 9 June 2006 (Enclosure 4.1 – 4.2 of the Official Minutes of the Council).

RESOLVED:

That the Minutes of the meeting of the Licensing Sub-Committee held on 9 June 2006 be received for information.

7. Exclusion of Public

RESOLVED:

That the public be excluded from the remainder of the meeting because of the likely

disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 2, Part I, Schedule 12A, Local Government Act 1972.

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8. Hackney Carriage Proprietors Licence – Exceptional Vehicle

Consideration was given to the Not for Publication Report of the Head of Environmental Health (Enclosure 6.1 – 6.10 of the Official Minutes of the Council).

The Head of Environmental Health presented the report. The application for a Hackney Carriage Proprietor's Licence had been made by the applicant on 20 June 2006. The applicant was aware of the Council's policy of age restriction for vehicles more than six years old and had indicated that he wished his application to be considered by Committee. The vehicle had been mechanically tested at the Council's Hawks Green Test Depot on 19 June 2006 and found to be mechanically satisfactory. Photographs of the vehicle were circulated to Members. The Committee was being asked to determine whether the vehicle was exceptional.

Members of the Committee were afforded the opportunity to ask questions of the Council's representative. There being no questions, the Committee then examined the applicant's vehicle.

The applicant was then given the opportunity of presenting his case. He considered the vehicle should be allowed to be licensed for another year as the vehicle was clean and tidy, well serviced and a good runner. He had received no negative feedback from his customers and he considered the vehicle to be exceptional. A summary of the service history was provided.

Members of the Committee were afforded the opportunity to ask questions of the applicant. In response to a question, the applicant confirmed that the vehicle was regularly serviced every 15,000 miles. He also confirmed that he carried out minor repairs to the vehicle, such as replacement bulbs and light exterior work. A Member questioned whether the vehicle had been involved in an accident as some areas of the bodywork had been brush painted. The applicant explained that the vehicle had been involved in an accident. He had painted any small chips and marks in the bodywork and anticipated that the vehicle would be fully sprayed later this year.

In response to a question, the applicant confirmed that the mileage was 77,000 and that

he had owned the vehicle since November 2004. It had previously been owned by 50 50 Taxis.

The Head of Environmental Health was afforded the opportunity of asking questions of the applicant. There being no questions he summed up the Council's case. He explained that the Members had viewed the vehicle and noted the summary of service history provided by the applicant.

The applicant was then afforded the opportunity to sum up his case. He stated that Members had viewed the vehicle and could see the standard it was kept at.

The Committee then deliberated in private, accompanied by the Council's Legal Adviser and Secretary to the Committee.

RESOLVED:

- (A) That having regard to all the circumstances the application for a Hackney Carriage Proprietor's Licence be approved as the Committee was satisfied that the vehicle was an "exceptional vehicle" as defined by the Council's policy for the age restriction of Hackney Carriage vehicles.
- (B) That the Hackney Carriage Proprietor's Licence be granted for 12 months from 17 July 2006.

CHAIRMAN