

CANNOCK CHASE COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
LICENSING AND PUBLIC PROTECTION COMMITTEE
THURSDAY 11 OCTOBER, 2012 AT 2.00 P.M.
IN THE CIVIC CENTRE, BEECROFT ROAD, CANNOCK

PART 1

PRESENT: Councillors

Stretton, Mrs. P.Z. (Chairman)
Dudson, A. (Vice-Chairman)

Anslow, C.	Fisher, P.A.
Bernard, J.D.	Snape, P.A.
Cartwright, Mrs. S.	

1. Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors F.W. C. Allen, Mrs. D. Grice and Mrs. D.M. Todd.

(The Chairman apologised for not having attended a number of recent meetings and explained the reasons for her absence).

2. Declarations of Interests of Members in Contracts and Other Matters and Restriction on Voting by Members

No other Declarations of Interests were made in addition to those already confirmed by Members in the Register of Members' Interests.

3. Minutes

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the Licensing and Public Protection Committee held on 28 August, 2012 be approved.

4. Licensing Sub Committee Minutes

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the Licensing Sub Committees held on 17 and 24 September, 2012 be noted.

5. Exclusion of the 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 1, Schedule 12A, Local Government Act 1972 (as amended).

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6. Hackney Carriage Proprietor's Exceptional Vehicle Application

Consideration was given to the Not for Publication Report of the Head of Environmental Health (Enclosure 6.1 – 6.23 of the Official Minutes of the Council).

The Chairman then invited all those present to introduce themselves and outlined the procedure to be followed at the Hearing. All parties confirmed their understanding of the procedure.

The Officer of the Licensing Authority presented the Council's case by taking the Committee through the report outlining the relevant issues for consideration and Members were asked to consider whether the Applicant's vehicle was exceptional. The Applicant, together with Members of the Committee was offered the opportunity to ask questions of the Officer. There being none, the Committee then viewed the Applicant's vehicle.

The Applicant then presented his case. Members of the Committee and the Officer from the Licensing Authority were offered the opportunity to ask questions of the Applicant. The Officer of the Licensing Authority and the Applicant's representative were then afforded the opportunity to sum up their cases.

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

All parties then returned to the meeting and the Chairman outlined the decision of the Committee.

RESOLVED:

That, having regard to all the circumstances, the application for a hackney carriage proprietors licence be refused as the Committee did not consider the vehicle was exceptional in accordance with the Council's policy on age restrictions for hackney carriage vehicles.

REASONS FOR THE DECISION:

1. The vehicle is more than six years old.
2. The vehicle has higher mileage than the guideline mileage for exceptional vehicles.
3. The general condition of the vehicle is not exceptional.

CHAIRMAN

The meeting closed at 2.40p.m.