

**CANNOCK CHASE COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE**  
**LICENSING AND PUBLIC PROTECTION COMMITTEE**  
**THURSDAY 20 JUNE, 2013 AT 10.00 A.M.**  
**IN THE CIVIC CENTRE, BEECROFT ROAD, CANNOCK**

**PART 1**

PRESENT: Councillors

Stretton, Mrs. P.Z. (Chairman)

Allen, F.W.C.

Fisher, P.A.

Anslow, C.

Grice, Mrs D.

Bernard, J.D.

Todd, Mrs D.M.

**8. Apologies**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors B. Bottomer and P.A. Snape.

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

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

**10. Minutes**

RESOLVED:

That the Minutes of the meeting of the Licensing and Public Protection Committee held on 24 May, 2013 be approved as a correct record.

**11. 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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**PART 2**

**12. Application for a Hackney Carriage Proprietors' Licence**

Consideration was given to the Not for Publication Report of the Head of Environmental Health (Enclosure 5.1 – 5.38 of the Official Minutes of the Council).

The Chairman 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 considered to be exceptional.

The Committee then viewed the Applicant's vehicle.

The Officer of the Licensing Authority then concluded the presentation of the Council's case.

The Applicant and Members of the Committee were afforded the opportunity to ask questions of the Officer. No questions were raised.

The Applicant then presented his case to the Committee.

Members and the Officer of the Licensing Authority were afforded the opportunity to ask questions of the Applicant.

The Officer of the Licensing Authority and the Applicant were offered the opportunity to sum up their cases. Both parties stated no summation was necessary.

The Officer of the Licensing Authority and the Applicant then left the room in order that the Committee could deliberate in private, accompanied by the Council's Legal Adviser and Secretary to the Committee.

Following deliberation, the Officer of the Licensing Authority and the Applicant returned to the meeting, and the Chairman read out the decision of the Committee:

RESOLVED:

That:

- (A) Having regard to all the circumstances, the application for a hackney carriage proprietors' licence be granted, as the Committee considers the vehicle is exceptional in accordance with the Council's policy on age restrictions for hackney carriage vehicles.
- (B) The Committee asked the Applicant to be mindful that in 12 months' time the vehicle may not be classed as exceptional if the condition of the alloy wheels is not addressed.

#### Reason for the Decisions

Although the mileage is above the guidance mileage of 140,000 for a diesel vehicle that is seven years old, the exterior and the interior of the vehicle are in very good condition.

### **13. Application for a Hackney Carriage Proprietors' Licence**

*Prior to consideration of this item, Councillor C. Anslow declared a personal interest as he knew the brother of the Applicant.*

Consideration was given to the Not for Publication Report of the Head of Environmental Health (Enclosure 6.1 – 6.22 of the Official Minutes of the Council).

The Chairman 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 considered to be exceptional.

The Committee then viewed the Applicant's vehicle.

The Officer of the Licensing Authority then concluded the presentation of the Council's case.

The Applicant and Members of the Committee were afforded the opportunity to ask questions of the Officer. No questions were raised.

The Applicant then presented his case to the Committee.

The Officer of the Licensing Authority was afforded the opportunity to ask questions of the Applicant. No questions were raised by the Officer.

Members of the Committee were afforded the opportunity to ask questions of the Applicant.

The Officer of the Licensing Authority and the Applicant were afforded the opportunity to sum up their cases. The Officer of the Licensing Authority declared that no summation was necessary, whereas the Applicant provided a brief summation of his case.

The Officer of the Licensing Authority and the Applicant then left the room in order that the Committee could deliberate in private, accompanied by the Council's Legal Adviser and Secretary to the Committee.

Following deliberation, the Officer of the Licensing Authority and the Applicant returned to the meeting, and the Chairman read out the decision of the Committee:

RESOLVED:

That:

- (A) Having regard to all the circumstances, the application for a hackney carriage proprietors' licence be granted, as the Committee considers the vehicle is exceptional in accordance with the Council's policy on age restrictions for hackney carriage vehicles.
- (B) The Committee asked the Applicant to be mindful that in 12 months' time the vehicle may not be classed as exceptional if the condition of the seats is not addressed.

Reason for the Decisions

Although the mileage is slightly over the guidance mileage of 140,000 for a diesel vehicle that is seven years old the exterior and the interior of the vehicle are in very good condition.

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CHAIRMAN

The meeting closed at 11.10 a.m.