

CANNOCK CHASE COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
LICENSING/PUBLIC PROTECTION COMMITTEE
WEDNESDAY, 10 AUGUST, 2005
IN THE CIVIC CENTRE, BEECROFT ROAD, CANNOCK
PART 1

PRESENT: Councillors

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

Allen, F.W.C.	Davies, D.N.
Ball, G.D.	Hodges, E.J.
Burnett, J.	Whitehouse, Mrs. G.M.
Carr, I.R.	Williams, B.
Daly, K.	

(Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Mrs. P.A. Ansell and L.W. Bullock)

9. Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting held on 12 July, 2005 were approved as a correct record.

10. Proposed Amendments to the Procedure for Dealing with Licensing Applications and Other Matters

Consideration was given to the Report of the Head of Legal and Democratic Services (Enclosure 4.1 – 4.3 of the Official Minutes of the Council).

RESOLVED:

- (A) That the revised procedure for dealing with all licensing matters submitted to the Licensing/Public Protection Committee (with the exception of those applications and other matters submitted under the Licensing Act, 2003) as outlined in Annex 1 of the report be approved.

- (B) That the revised procedure for dealing with those licensing applications and other matters submitted to the Licensing Sub Committees in accordance with the Licensing Act, 2003 as outlined in Annex 2 of the report be approved.
- (C) That the amended procedures be adopted with immediate effect.

11. 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 7, Part I, Schedule 12A, Local Government Act 1972.

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12. Hackney Carriage Proprietor's Licence

Consideration was given to the Not for Publication Report of the Head of Environmental Health (Enclosure 6.1 – 6.9 of the Official Minutes of the Council).

The representative of the Head of Environmental Health submitted the Council's case. The applicant and the Members of the Committee were afforded the opportunity to ask questions of the Council's representative.

The applicant put forward his case. Following this, Members of the Committee and the Council's representative were afforded the opportunity to ask questions of the applicant. The Committee then examined the applicant's vehicle. Photographs of the vehicle were circulated to Members. Both parties summarised their cases before the Committee deliberated in private.

RESOLVED:

That, having regard to all the circumstances, the application for a Hackney Carriage Proprietor's Licence be granted for 12 months 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.

(Prior to the close of the meeting, the representative of the Head of Environmental Health updated the Committee on the current position with regard to applications submitted under the Licensing Act, 2003. Members requested that officers within the Licensing Unit be commended for their efforts in ensuring that a high percentage of premises have submitted their applications and in dealing with the applications efficiently).

CHAIRMAN