

**CANNOCK CHASE COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE**  
**LICENSING/PUBLIC PROTECTION COMMITTEE**  
**TUESDAY, 21 JUNE 2005**  
**IN THE CIVIC CENTRE, BEECROFT ROAD, CANNOCK**  
**PART 1**

PRESENT: Councillors

Butler, R.D. (Chairman)

Ball, G.D.	Hodges, E.J.
Burnett, J.	Whitehouse, Mrs. G.M.
Davies, D.N.	Williams, B.
Grice, Mrs. D.	

(Apologies for absence were received from Councillors R. Easton Chairman, F.W.C. Allen, Mrs. P.A. Ansell and I.R. Carr)

(In the absence of the Chairman, the Vice-Chairman, Councillor R.D. Butler was appointed Chairman)

**1. Minutes**

The Minutes of the meeting held on 29 April and 18 May 2005 were approved as a correct record.

**2. 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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**3. Hackney Carriage Proprietor's Licence**

(Prior to consideration of the application Members adopted Procedure A for the purpose of the hearing as it was considered cross-examination was appropriate given the nature of the application.)

Consideration was given to the Not for Publication Report of the Head of Environmental Health and Public Protection (Enclosure 5.1 – 5.9 of the Official Minutes of the Council).

The Committee then examined the applicant's vehicle.

The representative of the Head of Environmental Health and Public Protection 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. 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 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.

(Members requested that the vehicle be serviced once a year at a reputable garage)

**4. Hackney Carriage Driver's Licence**

(Prior to consideration of the application Members adopted Procedure A for the purpose of the hearing as it was considered cross-examination was appropriate given the nature of the application.)

Consideration was given to the Not for Publication Report of the Head of Environmental Health and Public Protection (Enclosure 6.1 – 6.32 of the Official Minutes of the Council).

The representative of the Head of Environmental Health and Public Protection 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 Committee decided not to admit the spent convictions as evidence.

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. Both parties summarised their cases before the Committee deliberated in private.

RESOLVED:

- (A) That, having regard to all the circumstances, the application for a Hackney Carriage Driver's Licence under Section 59(1) of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 be refused as the Committee was not satisfied that the applicant was a fit and proper person to hold a Driver's Licence.
- (B) That the Head of Environmental Health and Public Protection be granted delegated powers to refuse any subsequent application for a Hackney Carriage Driver's Licence submitted by the applicant during the next twelve months.

(Members noted the efforts of Officers in bringing the case to the Licensing/Public Protection Committee.)

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CHAIRMAN