

CANNOCK CHASE COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
LICENSING AND PUBLIC PROTECTION COMMITTEE
10.00 A.M., THURSDAY, 26 JULY 2007
IN THE CIVIC CENTRE, BEECROFT ROAD, CANNOCK

PART 1

PRESENT: Councillors

Bennett, K. L. (Chairman)
Butler, R. D. (Vice-Chairman)

Allen, F.W.C.	Grice, Mrs. D.
Burnett, J.	Holder, M.J.
Easton, R.	Todd, Mrs. D.M.
Freeman, M.P.	

(Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Mrs. P.A. Ansell, D.N. Davies and B. Williams).

10. 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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11. Application for a Hackney Carriage Proprietor's Licence

Consideration was given to the Not for Publication Report of the Head of Environmental Health (Enclosure 4.1 – 4.13 of the Official Minutes of the Council).

The Applicant attended the meeting to present his case.

The Chairman invited all those present to introduce themselves.

The Officer presented the Council's case by taking the Committee through the report outlining the relevant issues for consideration. He advised that the application for a Hackney Carriage Proprietor's Licence had been made by the applicant on 6 February 2007. The applicant was aware of the Council's age policy and that an exemption applied for "exceptional vehicles". A summary of the Licensing Officer's inspection of the vehicle was circulated at the meeting.

Members were asked to determine the application and consider whether the vehicle was an "exceptional vehicle".

The applicant along with Members of the Committee were afforded the opportunity of asking questions of the Officer. In response to a question from a Member, the Officer outlined the Council's age restriction policy indicating that the Committee could determine that the vehicle was exceptional and therefore exempt from the policy.

Members then examined the applicant's vehicle.

The applicant was then asked to present his case. He stated that the vehicle had been mechanically tested at the Council's Hawks Green Depot and found to be mechanically sound. He also added that the vehicle was in good condition, had been well maintained and he circulated copies of the vehicle's service history to Members of the Committee.

The Committee were then given the opportunity of asking questions of the applicant. In response to questions regarding the vehicle's average mileage and leak in the roof the applicant indicated that the average mileage was around 20,000 miles per year and the leak had been caused by a car park barrier at Manchester Airport.

When afforded the opportunity to ask questions of the applicant, the Officer indicated he had no questions.

The Officer then summed up the Council's case.

The applicant was then afforded the opportunity to sum up his case.

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 private hire vehicles, subject to the following conditions:-
 - (i) The repair of the fan cowling in the roof of the vehicle.
 - (ii) The repair of the ceiling trim inside the vehicle.
 - (iii) A health and safety check of the vehicle's steps.

- (B) That subject to the satisfactory completion of the conditions referred to in (A) above, the Hackney Carriage Proprietor's Licence be granted for 12 months from 26 July 2007.

CHAIRMAN