

CANNOCK CHASE COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
LICENSING/PUBLIC PROTECTION COMMITTEE

WEDNESDAY, 6 APRIL 2005 AT 2.00 P.M.

IN THE CIVIC CENTRE, BEECROFT ROAD, CANNOCK

PART 1

PRESENT: Councillors

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

Allen, F.W.C.	Dixon, D.I.
Ansell, Mrs. P.A.	Hodges, E.J.
Carr, I.R.	Whitehouse, Mrs. G.M.
Daly, K.	Williams, B.

(Apologies for absence were received from Councillors L.W. Bullock and J. Burnett)

Prior to commencement of the meeting Members of the Committee wished Councillor R.C. Cooper all the best for a speedy recovery following a recent operation.

36. MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting held on 1 March 2005 were approved as a correct record.

37. 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 7, Part 1, Schedule 12A, Local Government Act 1972.

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PART 2

38. PRIVATE HIRE VEHICLE APPLICATION – EXCEPTIONAL VEHICLE

(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Consideration was given to the Not for Publication Report of the Head of Environmental Health and Public Protection (Enclosure 5.1 – 5.9 of the Official Minutes of the Council).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 representative of the Head of Environmental Health and Public Protection circulated at the meeting a copy of the Proposed Age Restrictions for Private Hire Vehicles, which was explained should replace the Proposed Age Restrictions for Hackney Carriage Vehicles at Enclosure 5.4, Annex 1.set out in the report.

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, along with 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:

- (A) That, having regard to all the circumstances, the application for a Private Hire Vehicle 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 private hire vehicles.
- (B) That the Private Hire Vehicle Licence be granted for a period of 12 months subject to the grant of a Private Hire Operator's Licence.

39. HACKNEY CARRIAGE DRIVER'S LICENCE AND 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 6.1 – 6.25 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 his representative, along with Members of the Committee, were afforded the opportunity to ask questions of the Council's representative.

The applicant, along with his representative, 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 and his representative. Both parties summarised their cases before the Committee deliberated in private.

RESOLVED:

- (A) That, having regard to all the circumstances, the Hackney Carriage Driver's Licence, Licence No. 181, be suspended under the provisions of, Section 61(1)(b), of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 from 6 April 2005 until 5 October 2005.
- (B) And, the Hackney Carriage Proprietor's Licence, Licence No. 207, relating to vehicle registration V558 DLW be revoked under Section 60(1)c of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976, from 6 April 2005.

CHAIRMAN