

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE
TAXI AND OTHER LICENSING COMMITTEE
HELD AT THE TOWN HALL, NELSON
ON 12TH SEPTEMBER, 2017**

PRESENT -

Councillor D. Clegg (Chairman – in the chair)

Councillors

*M. Arshad
N. Butterworth
M. Iqbal
D. Lord
J. Nixon
K. Shore
C. Wakeford*

Officers in attendance

<i>Howard Culshaw</i>	<i>Head of Legal Services</i>
<i>Jackie Allen</i>	<i>Taxi Licensing Manager</i>
<i>Sarah Waterworth</i>	<i>Committee Administrator</i>

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11. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Members were reminded of the requirements of the Member Code of Conduct concerning the Declaration of Interests.

12. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

1. Mr Oakes complained that the Hackney Carriage Association had put forward a number of requests that they wanted the Council to look for example Hackney Carriage ranks within the Borough and there had been no response. He explained that the requests were not unreasonable, but felt that the Council did not want to work with the Association on matters they raised and he felt it necessary to enlist a Barrister to take on his role.

The Chairman asked that the Taxi Licensing Manager arrange with Mr Oakes and the Planning, Building Control and Licensing Services Manager a site visit to look at the ranks within the Borough.

2. Mr Hussain complained about the Blues Festival that ran over the August Bank holiday weekend in Colne and that taxi's from Clitheroe and Burnley were plying for hire and so were a number of private hire vehicles. He explained that the trade were not happy that Albert Road was closed as it caused a lot of issues.

Councillor Cooney explained that the organisation of the Blue Festival was not a Council function as it had been taken over by Colne Town Council and that it had been a huge success. The road closure had been put in place to protect the large amount of public that were on Albert Road. Councillor Cooney reported that there had been a number of breaches of the closure by taxis and they had been reported to the Taxi Licensing Department. He explained that prior to next year's

Blues Festival Colne Town Council would meet with the trade to discuss road closures, pick up points etc.

3. Mr Hussain asked if a meeting of the Working Group could be arranged as the last one was in June 2017. He felt that working group meetings should take place on a regular basis

The Chairman said that a meeting of the Working Group would be arranged before the end of September 2017.

4. Reference was made to new Private Hire businesses setting up and charging a minimum fare of £1.50. Mr Ahmed said that the Council should set the minimum fare as other councils have.

The chairman explained that the Council could only set the minimum fare for hackney carriages but he would put the item on the Working Group agenda for discussion.

13. MINUTES

RESOLVED

That the minutes of the proceedings of the Taxi and Other Licensing meeting held on 19th June, 2017 be approved as a correct record and signed by the chairman.

14. RESULTS OF SPOT CHECKS

The Planning, Building Control and Licensing Services Manager reported, for information that a joint spot check on licensed vehicles was carried out during the day of 5th July, 2017 at Rigg Street Motors, with the Police and Vehicle Operator Services Agency (VOSA). 14 vehicles were tested with 4 taken off the road for mechanical faults and 1 given a 2 day delayed suspension.

15. EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS

RESOLVED

That in pursuance of the power contained in Section 100 (A) (4) of the Local Government Act, 1972, as amended, the public and press be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the next item of business on the grounds that if a member of the public and press were present during consideration of the item, there would be disclosure to them of exempt information relating to the financial or business affairs of a particular person.

16. INTERVIEWS

(1) Report of NA

The Planning, Building Control and Licensing Services Manager submitted a report in respect of NA

RESOLVED

That NA's Private Hire/ Hackney Carriage Drivers Licence be suspended for two months

(2) Report of AZ

The Planning, Building Control and Licensing Services Manager submitted a report in respect of AZ

RESOLVED

That the application for a licence be granted for a temporary 6 month period and should no further issues arise the licence will be renewed for the remaining period.

(3) Report of SA.

The Planning, Building Control and Licensing Services Manager submitted a report in respect of SA.

RESOLVED

That the application for a licence be refused.

(4) Report of FZ

The Planning, Building Control and Licensing Services Manager submitted a report in respect of FZ

RESOLVED

That the application for a licence be granted for a temporary 6 month period and should no further issues arise the licence will be renewed for the remaining period.

(5) Report of MSK

The Planning, Building Control and Licensing Services Manager submitted a report in respect of MSK

RESOVLED

That the conditions as set out in the report be kept on MSK's private hire operator's licence:-

- (1) The Taxi Licensing Manager be given delegated powers to revoke MSK's operators' licence if MK is seen driving a licensed vehicle or is seen in the office of the Crown and Greenline.

(6) Report of GA

The Planning, Building Control and Licensing Services Manager submitted a report in respect of GA

It was reported at the meeting that GA had withdrawn the application for a Private Hire Operator's Licence.

(7) Report of MAC

The Planning, Building Control and Licensing Services Manager submitted a report in respect of MAC

RESOVLED

That the Private Hire Operator's Licence be granted with the following condition:-

- (1) That MAC is not to be a partner, shareholder or employee, other than a driver, of the business Pendle Taxi Ltd.

(8) Report of SA

The Planning, Building Control and Licensing Services Manager submitted a report in respect of SA

RESOVLED

That the Private Hire Operator's Licence be granted with the following condition:-

- (1) That TM, AM, FM and ZA are not to be partners, shareholders or employees, other than drivers, in the business Matrix Reloaded

Chairman: _____