

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE  
TAXI LICENSING COMMITTEE  
HELD AT THE TOWN HALL, NELSON  
ON 24<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2011**

PRESENT -

*Councillor P. McCormick (Chairman – in the chair)*

**Councillors**

*M. Horsfield*

*M. Iqbal*

*J. Purcell*

*G. Roach*

*K. Shore*

*(Apologies were received from Councillor D. Clegg)*



**17. DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

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

**18. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

Mr Akram, Cavalier Taxis requested that an MOT certificate that had been issued within 14 days replaced the requirement for a taxi test and compliance certificate. He believed that this would be better for the trade. Instead of tests being carried out by Council appointed garages, MOT tests could be done at any MOT approved garage. The Licensing and Enforcement staff then carry out a short test of the non MOT items such as cleanliness and the hackney meter.

The Chairman requested a report be submitted to the next meeting regarding taxi testing.

**19. MINUTES**

**RESOLVED**

That the Minutes of the proceedings of this Committee at a meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> September, 2011 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

**20. PENALTY POINT SCHEME**

The Engineering and Special Projects Manager submitted, for information, a report regarding the penalty points which had been awarded since the last meeting.

**21. APPEAL AGAINST REFUSAL OF A DRIVER'S LICENCE**

The Engineering and Special Projects Manager reports, for information, that Mr. Nazim Ghafoor appealed to Reedley Magistrates on 9<sup>th</sup> November against the Council's decision to refuse his application for a private hire driver's licence. Magistrates' dismissed the appeal as it was less than 3 years since his last conviction. The Council was awarded £75 costs.

**22. 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.

**23. CONTRACT FOR TESTING HACKNEY CARRIAGES AND PRIVATE HIRE VEHICLES**

The Engineering and Special Projects Manager submitted a report regarding the appointment of garages to carry out the testing of licensed vehicles for the next two years.

**RESOLVED**

- (1) That Norfolk Street Garage has its contract extended to expire on 31 December 2013.
- (2) That a contract for taxi testing from 1 January 2012 to 31 December 2013 be given to P&M Motors, Nelson
- (3) That the contract stipulates the exclusion of garages testing any vehicles belonging to any taxi driver who is a close relative or who regularly had their vehicle(s) serviced or repaired with them.

**REASON**

***To ensure a satisfactory level of consistency of testing and satisfactory working arrangements between the Council and the appointed garages.***

**24. INTERVIEWS**

- (1) **Asad Abbas Shah**

The Engineering and Special Projects Manager submitted a report in respect of Mr. Shah

**RESOLVED**

That Mr. Shah be granted a 6 month temporary private hire drivers licence.

- (2) **Muhammad Azeem**

The Engineering and Special Projects Manager submitted a report in respect of Mr. Azeem.

**RESOLVED**

That Mr. Azeem be granted a 6 month temporary private hire and hackney carriage drivers licence

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(3) **Kamran Bhatti**

The Engineering and Special Projects Manager submitted a report in respect of Mr. Bhatti.

**RESOLVED**

That Mr Bhatti's private hire driver's licence be revoked on the grounds set out in section 61(1)(b) of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976.