

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE  
TAXI LICENSING COMMITTEE  
HELD AT THE TOWN HALL, NELSON  
ON 29<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2012**

PRESENT -

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

**Councillors**

*N. Ashraf  
D. Clegg  
N. Butterworth  
J. Cooney  
M. Iqbal  
J. Throupe*



*The following persons attended and spoke at the meeting on the items indicated –*

<i>Mr. Saeed Mr. Akram Mr Ilyas</i>	<i>Penalty Point Scheme</i>	<i>Minute No. 33</i>
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<i>Mr. C. Oakes Mr. Saeed Mr. Akram Mr Ilyas</i>	<i>Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Vehicle Licence Refunds</i>	<i>Minute No. 34</i>
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<i>Mr. C. Oakes</i>	<i>Application for Renewal of a Hackney Carriage Licence</i>	<i>Minute No. 36</i>
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**30. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

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

**31. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

Mr Ilyas asked what the Council had done to help taxi drivers in Pendle, particularly Nelson, in the last 20-25 years. He was concerned that planning applications for clubs and bars were not being granted which impacted on the taxi trade.

Councillor Cooney pointed out a number of recent measures Colne and District Committee had taken to help the taxi business in Colne, for instance giving up car parking spaces for local taxi drivers and reallocating a taxi rank. Councillor Iqbal pointed out that Nelson Committee had not had a single planning application for a new club or bar in the last fifteen years that he could remember. Mr Ilyas was encouraged to put any specific requests in writing so that they could be considered at either a meeting of this Committee or the appropriate area committee.

Mr Akram asked if the Council would make sure that no unlicensed taxi vehicles were on the road in the Christmas period. The Taxi Licensing Manager said that she was working closely with the

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Police to try to ensure that this was the case. She encouraged Mr Akram to inform the Police immediately if he observed someone operating without a licence.

**32. MINUTES**

**RESOLVED**

That the Minutes of the proceedings of this Committee at a meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> September 2012 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

**33. PENALTY POINT SCHEME**

The Engineering and Special Projects Manager submitted a report asking members to consider an update to the penalty point procedure. The procedure had been amended to take account of members of staff leaving and new job titles given.

**RESOLVED**

That the procedure for the issuing of penalty points as set out in the Appendix to the report be approved.

**REASON**

*To update the officers who will consider infringements.*

**34. HACKNEY CARRIAGE AND PRIVATE HIRE VEHICLE LICENCE REFUNDS**

The Engineering and Special Projects Manager submitted a report which asked Members to consider a change to the refund procedure for vehicle licences.

**RESOLVED**

- (1) That the licence fee be apportioned to the number of months remaining before the vehicle reaches the age limit.
- (2) That no change be made to the refund procedure for accident-damaged vehicles taken off the road.

**REASON**

*To reduce the administrative work in issuing refunds and following representatives made from the trade.*

**35. 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

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financial or business affairs of a particular person.

**36. APPLICATION FOR RENEWAL OF A HACKNEY CARRIAGE LICENCE**

The Engineering and Special Projects Manager submitted a report which asked members to consider an application to renew a hackney carriage licence beyond the nine-year age limit.

**RESOLVED**

That Mr Hussain's application to renew his hackney carriage licence beyond the nine-year age limit when it expires in December 2012 not be agreed.

**REASON**

*The Council's pre-licensing application conditions state that for this vehicle type a vehicle must be no older than seven years when first presented for licensing and can remain licensed until the vehicle is nine years of age.*

**37. INTERVIEWS**

**1) Mr Nadir Ali**

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

**RESOLVED**

That Mr Ali's Private Hire Driver's Licence be revoked and in view of the evidence heard by the Committee, it appeared to the Committee that the interests of public safety required that revocation to have immediate effect under Section 61(2B) of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976.

**2) Mr Mohammed Ashraf**

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

**RESOLVED**

That the item be deferred to the next meeting.

**3) Mr. Allah Ditta**

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

**RESOLVED**

That Mr Ditta be granted a Private Hire Driver's licence for three years.

**4) Mr Waheed Afzal Chaudhry**

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

**RESOLVED**

That this item be deferred to the next meeting.

**5) Mr Nadeem Raza**

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

**RESOLVED**

That Mr Raza be granted a Private Hire Driver's Licence for 6 months and if his driving and conduct has been exemplary during that period his licence be extended.

**6) Mr Usman Saeed**

*(Councillor Butterworth withdrew from the meeting for this item.)*

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

**RESOLVED**

That, having heard representation, 10 penalty points be added to Mr Saeed's Private Hire Operator's licence.

**7) Mr Gul Nawaz**

The Engineering and Special Projects Manager submitted a report in respect of Mr. Nawaz. It was noted that Mr Nawaz's application had been granted as he complied with the Council's Guidelines on convictions.

**8) Mr Mohammed Khan**

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

**RESOLVED**

That 6 points be added to Mr Khan's Private Hire Operator's licence for not displaying or have available for inspection at his office on Netherfield Road the list of County Council contracts for each vehicle and driver, suspended with the provision that if there were any further breaches brought to the attention of this Committee that the points would be applied, and the loss of his licence.

Chairman: \_\_\_\_\_