

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE
TAXI LICENSING COMMITTEE
HELD AT THE TOWN HALL, NELSON
ON 19th MARCH 2013**

PRESENT -

Councillor P. McCormick (Chairman – in the chair)

Councillors

*N. Ashraf
D. Clegg
J. Cooney
M. Iqbal
K. Shore
P. White*

(Apologies were received from Councillor N. Butterworth)



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

<i>Mr. Oakes Mr. Akram Mr. Saeed Mr. Saghir</i>	<i>Hackney Carriage Unmet Demand Survey</i>	<i>Minute No. 47</i>
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<i>Mr. Oakes Mr. Akram Mr. Saeed Mr. Saghir</i>	<i>Guideline to Determine applications with convictions</i>	<i>Minutes No. 48</i>
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45. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

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

46. MINUTES

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the proceedings of this Committee at a meeting held on 17th January 2013 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

47. HACKNEY CARRIAGE UNMET DEMAND SURVEY

The Engineering and Special Projects Manger submitted a report regarding a request from the Hackney Carriage Association for a further unmet demand survey to be carried out

RESOVLED

- (1) That hackney carriage proprietors be consulted to see whether they will agree to fund an unmet demand survey over three-year period.

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(2) That a further report be submitted to the next meeting following consultation with the trade.

REASON

To establish whether the costs of carrying out an unmet demand survey should be recovered through licence fees.

48. GUIDELINES TO DETERMINE APPLICATIONS WITH CONVICTIONS

The Engineering and Special Projects Manager submitted a report which asked members to consider an update to the above guidelines.

RESOLVED

That the updated guidelines as set out in the appendix 1 of the report be approved.

REASON

To better determine new applications, the renewal of existing licences and whether existing licences should be suspended or revoked.

49. 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.

50. APPLICATION FOR RENEWAL OF 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 the application to renew a hackney carriage licence for vehicle DK04 XUU beyond the nine year age limit be refused.

REASON

(1) ***Against Councils Policy regarding age limit of licensed vehicles and there were no proven exceptional circumstances to depart from this policy.***

(2) ***Due to number of failed tests and suspensions resulting from road side checks in the last two years..***

51. APPLICATION FOR RENEWAL OF HACKNEY CARRIAGE LICENCE.

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

RESOLVED

That this item be deferred to the next meeting.

52. APPLICATION FOR RENEWAL OF 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 this item be deferred to the next meeting.

53. INTERVIEWS

1) Report on MF

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

RESOLVED

That MF's suspension be lifted until the outcome of his trial.

2) Report on AA

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

RESOLVED

That AA's application for a private hire driver's licence be granted.

3) Report on AP

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

RESOLVED

That AP's private hire driver's licence be revoked.

REASON

That having regard to the conviction recorded against AP, the holder of a Private Hire Driver's Licence, be revoked on the grounds set out in Section 61(1)(a) of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976

Chairman: _____