

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE
TAXI LICENSING COMMITTEE
HELD AT THE TOWN HALL, NELSON
ON 9th SEPTEMBER 2013**

PRESENT -

Councillor D. Clegg (Vice Chairman – in the chair)

Councillors

*N. Ashraf
T. Beckett
N. Butterworth
J. Cooney
M. Iqbal
G. Roach
K. Shore*

(Apologies were received from Councillor P. McCormick)



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

<i>Mr. Oakes Mr. Akram Mr. Khan</i>	<i>Vehicle Refunds</i>	<i>Minute No. 75</i>
---	------------------------	----------------------

<i>Mr. Oakes Mr. Akram</i>	<i>Plying for Hire</i>	<i>Minute No. 76</i>
--------------------------------	------------------------	----------------------

70. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

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

71. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

- (1) Mr. Khan asked could vehicles registered as private hire vehicles, if all plates, door signs and stickers were removed be used as private vehicles.

The Taxi Licensing Manger explained that once a vehicle is licensed it will remain so and can not be used for private use.

- (2) Mr. Saeed asked if there could be a pick up/ drop off point in Nelson Town Centre, opposite Fulton Food's.

The Chairman informed Mr Saeed that the matter would be referred to Lancashire County Council's Highways Department.

72. MINUTES

RESOLVED

That the minutes of the proceedings of this Committee at a meeting held on 13th June 2013 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

73. RESULTS OF A SPOT CHECK

The Engineering and Special Projects Manager reported that a joint spot check on licensed vehicles was carried out on the evening on Friday 28th June 2013 at Macadams Garage in Colne with the Police and Vehicle Operator Services Agency (VOSA). Eleven vehicles were tested in total, with seven of those being taken off the road. It was reported that the vehicles which failed would revert back to a four-month licence and test.

74. PENALTY POINT SCHEME

The Engineering and Special Projects Manager submitted, for information a report regarding details of penalty points which have been imposed since the last meeting.

75. VEHICLE REFUNDS

The Engineering and Special Projects Manager submitted for consideration a report as it had been requested that vehicle refunds be made when there is a full licence month remaining when a vehicle is taken off the road.

RESOLVED

- (1) That as from 1st October 2013 a refund be given for every full calendar month left on the licence if the vehicle is taken off the road.
- (2) That this be review in nine months and a report be submitted to a future meeting.

REASON

- 1. To ensure any remaining licence fee is refunded.**
- 2. To monitor any increase in administrative work.**

76. PLYING FOR HIRE

The Engineering and Special Projects Manager submitted a report regarding the results of plying for hire exercises that were carried out by the Police on 14th and 15th June 2013.

RESOLVED

That the Police be requested to carry out further plying for hire exercises.

REASON

For the safety of members of the public and to allow a level playing field for both the Hackney carriage and private hire trade.

77. 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.

78. 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 hackney carriage licence HC7 beyond the nine year age limit.

RESOLVED

That the application be refused.

REASON

That no exceptional circumstances were provided to depart from the Councils policy.

79. 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 hackney carriage licence HC30 beyond the nine year age limit.

RESOLVED

That the application be refused.

REASON

That no exceptional circumstances were provided to depart from the Councils policy.

80. 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 hackney carriage licence HC32 beyond the nine year age limit.

RESOLVED

That the application be refused.

REASON

That no exceptional circumstances were provided to depart from the Councils policy.

81. 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 hackney carriage licence HC36 beyond the nine year age limit.

RESOLVED

That the application be refused.

REASON

That no exceptional circumstances were provided to depart from the Councils policy.

82. 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 hackney carriage licence HC61 beyond the nine year age limit.

RESOLVED

That the application be refused.

REASON

That no exceptional circumstances were provided to depart from the Councils policy.

83. APPLICATION FOR RENEWAL OF PRIVATE HIRE LICENCE.

The Engineering and Special Projects Manager submitted a report which asked Members to consider an application to renew private hire licence PH74 beyond the nine year age limit.

RESOLVED

That the application be refused.

REASON

That no exceptional circumstances were provided to depart from the Councils policy.

84. APPLICATION FOR RENEWAL OF PRIVATE HIRE LICENCE.

The Engineering and Special Projects Manager reported that the application for PH80 had been withdrawn.

85. APPLICATION FOR RENEWAL OF PRIVATE HIRE LICENCE.

The Engineering and Special Projects Manager submitted a report which asked Members to consider an application to renew private hire licence PH100 beyond the nine year age limit.

RESOLVED

That the application be refused.

REASON

That no exceptional circumstances were provided to depart from the Councils policy

86. 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 hackney carriage licence HC42 beyond the nine year age limit.

RESOLVED

That the application be refused.

REASON

That no exceptional circumstances were provided to depart from the Councils policy

87. APPLICATION FOR RENEWAL OF PRIVATE HIRE LICENCE.

The Engineering and Special Projects Manager submitted a report which asked Members to consider an application to renew private hire licence PH250 beyond the nine year age limit.

RESOLVED

That the application be refused.

REASON

That no exceptional circumstances were provided to depart from the Councils policy

88. APPLICATION FOR RENEWAL OF PRIVATE HIRE LICENCE.

The Engineering and Special Projects Manager submitted a report which asked Members to consider an application to renew private hire licence PH271 beyond the nine year age limit.

RESOLVED

That the application be refused.

REASON

That no exceptional circumstances were provided to depart from the Councils policy

89. INTERVIEW

Report on FZ

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

RESOLVED

That FZ's licence be suspended until the time when the penalty points naturally drop to 15 points.

Report on RZ

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

RESOLVED

That RZ be granted a private hire driver's licence for a period of 6 months. If during that period there are no issues regarding RZ's conduct as a private hire driver, then the licence be made permanent at the end of that period

Report on ZS

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

RESOLVED

That ZS be granted a private hire driver's licence for a period of 6 months. If during that period there are no issues regarding ZS's conduct as a private hire driver, then the licence be made permanent at the end of that period

Report on SA

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

RESOLVED

That SA be granted a private hire driver's licence for a period of 6 months. If during that period there are no issues regarding SA's conduct as a private hire driver, then the licence be made permanent at the end of that period

Chairman: _____