

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE
TAXI LICENSING COMMITTEE
HELD AT THE TOWN HALL, NELSON
ON 21st NOVEMBER 2013**

PRESENT -

Councillor P. McCormick (Chairman – in the chair)

Councillors

*M. Arshad
N. Butterworth
J. Cooney
D. Clegg
M. Iqbal
G. Roach
K. Shore*

(Apologies were received from N. Ashraf)



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

<i>Mr. Oakes Mr. Akram Mr. Khan Mr. Saeed</i>	<i>Results of spot checks</i>	<i>Minute No. 93</i>
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<i>Mr. Oakes Mr. Akram Mr. Ahmed</i>	<i>Plying for Hire</i>	<i>Minute No. 94</i>
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<i>Mr. Oakes Mr. Akram Mr. Saeed</i>	<i>Contract for testing of Private Hire and Hackney Carriage Vehicles</i>	<i>Minute No. 95</i>
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90. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

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

91. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

- (1) Mr Akram, Private Hire Vehicle Association, asked what was in place to protect the drivers over the festive period.

The Taxi Licensing Manger explained that a press release had been drafted regarding this issue.

Members agreed that a meeting should be arranged with the Chairman, Police and the Taxi trade to discuss safety issues on the run up to Christmas and leaflets to be placed in vehicles advising the public.

- (2) Mr. Oakes asked that member's request the Executive to change the policy regarding the age limit on vehicles and the limit be dropped. He stated that the Council's Policy was not fit for purpose and should be reviewed.

The Chairman agreed that the item be placed on the agenda for the next meeting.

92. MINUTES

RESOLVED

That the minutes of the proceedings of this Committee at a meeting held on 9th September 2013 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

93. 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 1st November 2013 at Norfolk Street Garage, Nelson with the Police and Vehicle Operator Services Agency (VOSA). Fifteen vehicles were tested in total, with nine of those being taken off the road and one defect notice issued. It was reported that the vehicles which failed would revert back to a four-month licence and test.

94. PLYING FOR HIRE

The Engineering and Special Projects Manager submitted a report seeking members to agree a further course of action regarding plying for hire.

RESOLVED

That members were to investigate the issues further.

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.

95. CONTRACT FOR TESTING OF PRIVATE HIRE VEHICLES AND HACKNEY CARRIAGES

The Engineering and Special Projects Manager submitted a report asking members to consider appointing garages for the testing of hackney carriages and private hire vehicle.

RESOLVED

That members along with a representative from the Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Trade visit all the garages which had tendered for the testing.

REASON

To ensure the garages are acceptable to the trade.

96. 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.

97. APPLICATION FOR A PRIVATE HIRE VEHICLE LICENCE

The Engineering and Special Projects Manager submitted a report which asked Members to consider an application for a private hire application.

RESOLVED

That the applicant had seven days, from the date of the meeting to get the vehicle tested and licensed.

REASON

To ensure the licence is renewed.

98. INTERVIEW

Report on RAR

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

RESOLVED

That having regard to the convictions recorded against RAR, the application for a private hire driver's licence be refused on the ground set out in Section 51(1)(a) of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provision) Act 1976.

Report on IHS

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

RESOLVED

That IHS be granted a private hire drivers licence for a period of 6 months. If during that period there are no issues regarding IHS's conduct, 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.

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RESOLVED

That having regard to the convictions recorded against SA, the application for a private hire driver's licence be refused on the ground set out in Section 51(1)(a) of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provision) Act 1976

Report on TA

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

RESOLVED

That further information be gained regarding TA's insurance and that TA be allowed to carry on driving until the next meeting of this committee.

Report on AU

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

RESOLVED

That AU be granted a private hire licence and six penalty points be added to AU's private hire drivers' licence.

Report on AAS

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

RESOLVED

That having regards to the convictions recorded against AAS his private hire drivers licence be revoked with immediate effect.

Report on MIK

The Engineering and Special Projects Manager submitted a report in respect MIK

RESOLVED

That eight penalty points be added to MIK's private hire drivers' licence.

Chairman: _____