

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE  
TAXI AND OTHER LICENSING COMMITTEE  
HELD AT THE TOWN HALL, NELSON  
ON 18<sup>th</sup> JUNE, 2015**

PRESENT -

*Councillor N. Butterworth (Chairman – in the chair)*

**Councillors**

*M. Arshad  
D. Clegg  
M. Iqbal  
C. Jowett  
G. Roach  
K. Shore*

*Officers in attendance*

<i>Howard Culshaw</i>	<i>Solicitor</i>
<i>Jackie Allen</i>	<i>Taxi Licensing Manager</i>
<i>Sarah Waterworth</i>	<i>Committee Administrator</i>

*(Apologies were received from Councillor J. Cooney)*



**1. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

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

**2. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

Mr Oakes, Hackney Drivers Association asked the following:-

(1) Would consideration be given to restarting the Taxi Consultation meetings with the trade?

The Chairman explained that the meetings stopped due to them becoming very disruptive.

(2) Would consideration be given to removing the age limit of vehicles?

- (3) (a) That a rank be placed outside the George and Dragon Public House, Barrowford and the rank near the White Bear Public House be moved back to its original position nearer the pub.  
(b) That the rank on Market Street, Colne be extended.  
(c) That the rank at Nelson Bus Interchange be extended

The Chairman explained that ranks were the responsibility of Lancashire County and that the matter be referred to the Traffic Liaison Meeting.

(4) How many plying for hire exercises have been carried out and of these how many private hire and hackney carriage vehicle were caught and prosecuted or suspended.

The Taxi Licensing Manager explained that the main exercise took place in 2014 and 6 drivers

where suspended for 4 weeks for unlawfully plying for hire. Since that exercise one further driver has been suspended for unlawfully plying for hire.

**RESOLVED**

That a report be submitted to the next meeting regarding the removal of the age limit of vehicles and look at how other authorities use conditions to monitor the vehicles, where no age limit was applied.

Mr Saeed requested that the spot checks be undertaken on a different night of the week as opposed to Friday and Saturday nights which was the trade's busiest evenings of the week.

The Chairman explained that another night to do the spot checks would be explored.

**3. APPOINTMENT OF VICE CHAIRMAN**

**RESOLVED**

That Councillor D. Clegg be appointed Vice Chairman for the municipal year 2015/16

**4. MINUTES**

**RESOLVED**

That the minutes of the proceedings of the Taxi and Other Licensing meeting held on 30th April, 2015 be approved as a correct record and signed by the chairman.

**5. PENALY POINTS SCHEME**

The Planning, Building Control and Licensing Manager submitted for information a report regarding penalty points which had been imposed since the last meeting.

**6. RESULTS OF APPEALS**

The Planning, Building Control and Licensing Manager submitted for information a report regarding the results of appeals since the last meeting.

**7. 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.

**8. INTERVIEWS**

**(1) Report on MI**

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The Planning, Building Control and Licensing Services Manager submitted a report in respect of MI.

**RESOLVED**

That the interview be deferred to the next meeting.

**(2) Report on ES**

The Planning, Building Control and Licensing Services Manager submitted a report in respect of ES.

**RESOLVED**

That the application for a Private Hire Driver's licence be granted for a temporary 6 month period, should no further issues arise the licence be renewed for a further 6 months.

**(3) Report on AA**

The Planning, Building Control and Licensing Services Manager submitted a report in respect of AA.

**RESOLVED**

That the committee reserve the right to call back AA for interview if a downward trend was shown in the maintenance of the vehicles.

**(4) Report on IHS and AHS**

The Planning, Building Control and Licensing Services Manager submitted a report in respect of IHS and AHS.

**RESOLVED**

That with regards to Section 62(1)(b) of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976, IHS and AHS's Private Hire Operators licenses be revoked and any further applications to operate No1, Express and Blueline be referred to the Taxi and Other Licensing Committee for a decision.

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