

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE
TAXI AND OTHER LICENSING COMMITTEE
HELD AT THE TOWN HALL, NELSON
ON 19TH JUNE, 2017**

PRESENT -

Councillor D. Clegg (Chairman – in the chair)

Councillors

*N. Butterworth
M. Iqbal
Y. Iqbal (substitute for M. Arshad)
D. Lord
J. Nixon
K. Shore
C. Wakeford*

(Apologies were received from Councillor M. Arshad)

Officers in attendance

<i>Mick Armfield</i>	<i>Licensing Enforcement Manager</i>
<i>Howard Culshaw</i>	<i>Head of Legal Services</i>
<i>Jackie Allen</i>	<i>Taxi Licensing Manager</i>
<i>Sarah Waterworth</i>	<i>Committee Administrator</i>

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1. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

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

2. APPOINTMENT OF VICE CHAIRMAN

RESOLVED

That Councillor M. Arshad be appointed Vice Chairman for the 2017/18 municipal year.

3. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

A member of public complained about the dangerous driving and attitude of one of the taxi drivers which came to pick up herself and family from Asda. She explained that she ordered a taxi using the free phone in the Asda store. When the taxi arrived there was another lady also waiting for a taxi and going to the same street, as they didn't know who rung first and they both where in a hurry, they said they'd share the taxi and the driver said he's radio the office to cancel the other one. Once on their way the lady asked how much the fare would be. The driver informed her that it was £5, which she queried as it was normally £3.50. The driver then asked if she'd cancelled the other taxi, which she believed he was doing. The driver spun the taxi round in the middle of the road and drove at speed back to Asda, being very irate and abusive towards the lady.

The lady explained that she was very upset by the way she was spoken to and the way in which he drove especially when there was a young child in the back of the vehicle.

The Taxi Licensing Manager said that she would contact the lady and the taxi firm and investigate the matter further.

Shaffa Ahmed asked for clarification on plying for hire as after reading the licence conditions he thought a driver could radio through a booking if approached by a customer. The Taxi Licensing Manager explained that the driver would be plying for hire if he took the booking and the customer must call the taxi base to make the booking.

A representative from UK asked if members would re-consider the revocation of their private hire operator's licence. The Chairman explained that as an appeal on the decision was due to be heard at the Magistrates' Court it could not be discussed at the meeting.

4. MINUTES

RESOLVED

That the minutes of the proceedings of the Taxi and Other Licensing meeting held on 29th March, 2017 be approved as a correct record and signed by the chairman.

5. RESULTS OF APPEALS/PROSECUTIONS

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

6. PENALTY POINTS SCHEME

The Planning, Building Control and Licensing Services Manager submitted for information, a report regarding penalty point's scheme which had been imposed 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. STREET TRADING CONSENT APPLICATION

The Planning Building Control and Licensing Services Manager submitted a report regarding an application for street trading consent. It was reported that the application was to sell fresh fruit and vegetables on the locations outlined on page 3 of Appendix 1 of the report. The applicant had requested to trade from 11.00am to 7.00pm Monday to Friday. It was confirmed that the applicant was over the age of 17 and a basic disclosure form accompanied the application and was clear from convictions. The vehicle insurance had been checked and had the correct business

insurance. The Licensing Enforcement Manager also reported that the name of the business was not the same or similar to that of an existing static retail business or another street trader.

RESOLVED

That the application be refused.

9. REVIEW OF PRIVATE HIRE OPERATOR'S LICENCE

The Planning, Building Control and Licensing Services Manager submitted a report to consider whether to review the private hire operators' licence of MSK, T/A Crown and Greenline Private Hire following an appeal to Burnley Crown Court.

RESOLVED

- (1) That the Taxi Licensing Manager be given delegated powers to revoke MSK's operators' licence if MK is seen driving a licensed vehicle or seen in the office of Crown and Greenline.
- (2) That MSK be requested to attend the next meeting of this committee so members can consider if he is a fit and proper person to hold an operators' licence.

10. INTERVIEWS

- (1) **Report of ZM, operator for A-Line, Sky, Gemms and Road Runner Local Private Hire, Nelson**

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

RESOLVED

That no action be taken

- (2) **Report of AA, VIP Cars, Nelson**

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

RESOLVED

That no action be taken

- (3) **Report of MSK, T/A Crown and Greenline Private Hire, Colne.**

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

RESOLVED

That the Taxi Licensing Manager be requested to undertake a number of unannounced spot checks on a selection of MSK's vehicles and if one of those vehicles fails then MSK be request to attend to next meeting of this committee.

(4) Report of MY

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

RESOLVED

- (1) That MY's private hire and hackney carriage driver's licence be renewed
- (2) That 6 penalty points be added to MY's licence

(5) Report of KM

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

RESOVLED

That no action be taken

(6) Report of MSA

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

RESOVLED

That no action be taken

Chairman: _____