MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE LICENSING COMMITTEE HELD AT NELSON TOWN HALL ON 23rd JULY, 2019

PRESENT -

Councillor S. Wicks - Chairman (in the Chair)

Councillors

- M. Aslam
- R. Carroll
- C. Carter
- D. Lord
- B. Newman
- N. McCollum
- Y. Tennant

Officers in attendance:

M. Armfield Licensing Enforcement Officer

A. Smith Licensing Officer

E. Baker Solicitor

S. Waterworth Committee Administrator

(Apologies for absence were received from Councillors G. Adam and M. Adams).

1. APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIRMAN

RESOLVED

That Councillor B. Newman be appointed vice-chairman for the 2019/20 municipal year.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Members were reminded of the legal requirements concerning the declaration of interests.

3. MINUTES

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 29th April, 2019 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

4. PROPOSED REVOCATION OF A SCRAP METAL DEALER MOBILE COLLECTOR'S LICENCE

The Planning, Economic Development and Regulatory Services Manager submitted a report requesting consideration of a revocation of a Scrap Metal Mobile Collector's Licence.

The Licensing Enforcement Officer reported that several complaints had been raised by members of the public regarding a business operating from a residential property in Earby and that a scrap collection vehicle was parked in various locations in Earby.

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As a result of the complaints, the Councils Licensing Enforcement Officer wrote to Mr Greenwood, the owner of GG & Sons Scrap Collections at the address held on file in Skipton, requesting that he attended a meeting at Nelson Town Hall. Mr Greenwood failed to attend the meeting.

A further complaint had been received regarding five large propane bottles being left overnight on the back of Mr Greenwoods van.

On the 18th April, 2019 the Enforcement Officer had serious concerns that the highly flammable bottles could be left in that location over the Easter period so he contacted the Police to see if they could assist. The Police confirmed that they had visited the site the previous day when there was only one cylinder on the van.

Another complaint was received regarding a large trampoline which had been placed on some scrap metal on the back of Mr Greenwood's vehicle. Additional complaints had been received alleging that glass from a metal framed table had shattered into tiny shards and liquid was leaking out of the back of the vehicle.

Mr Greenwood had been contacted on several occasions by telephone and by letter and he refused to come to the Town Hall to discuss matters with Officers.

The Committee was asked to consider the revocation of Mr Greenwood's licence under and in accordance with Section 4(3) of the Scrap Metal Dealers Act 2013 or to allow the licence to continue until its expiry date.

RESOLVED

That Mr Greenwoods Scrap Metal Dealer Mobile Collector's Licence be revoked for the following reasons:-

- (1) The Council were no longer satisfied the licensee is a suitable person to carry on a business as scrap metal dealer.
- (2) Mr Greenwood was storing scrap metal overnight which is not stated on his application form.
- (3) He had insufficient lack of knowledge regarding the storing and transportation of propane gas bottles.
- (4) Records of collections not being kept.
- (5) Ha had not informed the relevant authorities of his change of address.
- (6) Mr Greenwood had failed to attend meetings when requested.

Chairman:	
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