

Minutes of a Meeting of the General Licensing Committee held in the Hub, Mareham Road, Horncastle, Lincolnshire LN9 6PH on Monday, 3rd June, 2024 at 2.00pm.

PRESENT

Councillors Sandra Campbell-Wardman, Neil Jones, Richard Avison, Stephen Evans, David Hall, George Horton, Carl Macey and Terry Taylor.

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Donna Hall	- Group Manager Public Protection
Martha Rees	- Legal Representative
Lynda Eastwood	- Democratic Services Officer
Laura Allen	- Democratic Services Officer

3. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Darren Hobson and Andrew Leonard.

The Chairman welcomed Councillor David Hall as a new Member of the Committee.

4. DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS (IF ANY):

At this point in the meeting, Members were asked to disclose any relevant interests. The following interests were disclosed:

- Councillor Carl Macey asked it be noted that he was a personal licence holder.

5. MINUTES:

The Open and Exempt Minutes of the Extraordinary General Licensing Meeting held on 15 April 2024, the Open and Exempt Minutes of the General Licensing Meeting held on 22 April 2024 and the Minutes of the Special Meeting held at the rising of the Annual General Meeting held on 22 May 2024 were agreed as a correct record.

6. DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

The date of the next meeting was confirmed as 15 July 2024.

7. EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS:

It was proposed and seconded that the public and press be excluded from the meeting.

RESOLVED

That under Section 100(A) of the Local Government Act 1972, the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following items on the grounds that, if they were present, there could be disclosed exempt information as defined at paragraphs 1, 2 and 7 of Part 1 of the Schedule 12A of the Act (as Amended).

8. APPLICATION FOR HACKNEY CARRIAGE AND PRIVATE HIRE VEHICLE DRIVER LICENCES:

Donna Hall, Group Manager Public Protection, presented Members with an Exempt report relating to an application for hackney carriage and private hire vehicle driver licences.

Following which, it was

RESOLVED

That the licence application be refused.

9. EQUALITY ACT 2010 - HACKNEY CARRIAGE & PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER WHEELCHAIR EXEMPTION:

Members agreed that due to medical evidence in the confidential appendices, the following Item would be held in exempt session.

Members were advised that the applicant would not be attending the hearing, however was happy for it to go ahead.

Donna Hall, Group Manager Public Protection, presented Members with an Open report which asked them to consider an application submitted by a licensed driver under Section 166 of the Equality Act 2010 for an exemption from their duties to assist passengers in wheelchairs.

Following which, it was

RESOLVED

To issue a temporary exemption for 12 months, as set out in the Exempt Minute.

The Meeting closed at 2.59pm.