

CENTRAL BEDFORDSHIRE COUNCIL

At an Extraordinary meeting of the **LICENSING COMMITTEE** held in Council Chamber, priory House, Monks Walk, Shefford on Wednesday, 12 October 2011

PRESENT

Cllr L Birt (Chairman)

Cllrs D Bowater
Mrs D B Green
I A MacKilligan

Cllrs I Shingler
N Warren

Apologies for Absence: Cllrs R D Berry
I Dalgarno
C C Gomm
K Janes
P F Vickers

Substitute: Cllr Mrs J G Lawrence

Officers in Attendance: Miss H Bell Committee Services Officer
Mrs M James Licensing and Enforcement Officer
Mr M Woolsey Managing Solicitor

L/11/21 **Minutes**

It was noted that the Minutes of the Licensing Committee would be circulated and signed at the next scheduled meeting to be held on 23 November 2011.

L/11/22 **Members' Interests**

(a) Personal Interests

There were none.

(b) Personal and Prejudicial Interests

There were none.

L/11/23 **Petitions**

The Chairman announced that no petitions had been referred to this meeting.

L/11/24 **Public Participation**

No applications had been received in accordance with the Scheme of Public Participation set out in Paragraph 1 of the Scheme of Public Participation set out in annex 1 of Part A4 of the Constitution.

L/11/25 **Exclusion of the Press and Public**

RESOLVED

that in accordance with Section 100A (4) of the Local Government Act 1972 the public be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 7 and 12 of Part I of Schedule 12A of the Act.

L/11/26 **Application for a Private Hire Vehicle Licence**

The Committee received and considered the report of the Licensing and Enforcement Officer concerning an application for a Private Hire Vehicle Licence to Mr H M in view of the age of the vehicle.

A copy of the application form and supporting documents were attached as an appendix for members' information.

The applicant attended the meeting and made representations in support of the application. The Committee were invited to view the vehicle, which was located in the car park.

In accordance with the procedures for hearings held in private, the applicant and Enforcement Officer were asked to withdraw whilst the Committee made their decision. The Committee's deliberation and visual inspection of the vehicle along with its appearance aided the decision process. Following which all who had withdrawn were recalled to hear the decision.

RESOLVED

That the application for a Private Hire Vehicle Licence for Mr H M be granted subject to the offside tyres being replaced and the applicant being reminded of his responsibilities to comply with the conditions of Licence and that the Council has the powers under the local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 to revoke at any time.

L/11/27

Application for a Hackney Carriage Vehicle Licence in view of the age of the vehicle

The Committee received and considered the report of the Licensing and Enforcement Officer concerning an application for a Hackney Carriage Vehicle Licence in view of the age of the vehicle.

A copy of the application form and supporting documents were attached as an appendix for Members' information.

The applicant attended the meeting and made representations in support of the application. The Committee were invited to view the vehicle, which was located in the car park.

In accordance with the procedures for hearings held in private, the applicant and Licensing & Enforcement Officer were asked to withdraw whilst the Committee made their decision. The Committee's deliberation and visual inspection of the vehicle along with its appearance aided the decision process. Following which all who had withdrawn were recalled to hear the decision.

RESOLVED

- (1) That the application for a Hackney Carriage Vehicle Licence for Mrs A K be refused in this case under Paragraph 59 of the Local Government Act 1976 as the Committee does not consider the vehicle to be in exceptional condition.**
- (2) that the Applicant be informed in writing of this right to appeal against this decision to the Magistrates Court and that the appeal must be made within 21 days of written notification of this decision.**

(Note: The meeting commenced at 9.30 a.m. and concluded at 10.15 a.m.)

Chairman

Dated