

GENERAL LICENSING SUB COMMITTEE

Minutes of a meeting of the General Licensing Sub Committee of the Bolsover District Council held in the Council Chamber, The Arc, Clowne on Thursday, 24th October 2019 at 10:00 hours.

PRESENT:-

Members:-

Councillor Ray Heffer in the Chair

Councillors Andrew Joesbury (Vice Chair), Rose Bowler, Jane Bryson, Paul Cooper, Mary Dooley and Natalie Hoy.

Officers:- Lisa Ingram (Legal Executive), Deborah Cartwright (Solicitor), Kevin Rowland (Licensing Team Leader) and Alison Bluff (Governance Officer).

Also in attendance at the meeting for part of Minute No 385 was Sharon Smith (Licensing and Enforcement Officer).

380 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received on behalf of Councillors Pat Cooper, Maxine Dixon, Steve Fritchley, Sandra Peake, Peter Roberts and Janet Tait.

381 URGENT ITEMS OF BUSINESS

The Chair consented to an urgent item of business to be considered as to whether a Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Vehicle Driver remained a fit and proper person to continue to hold a licence (HFH/19(2)), which would be considered as the last item on the agenda.

382 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor	Minute No	Level of Interest
Rose Bowler	0385	Non Significant, Non Statutory
Ray Heffer	0386	Non Significant, Non Statutory
Jane Bryson	0386	Non Significant, Non Statutory

383 MINUTES

Moved by Councillor Rose Bowler and seconded by Councillor Andrew Joesbury
RESOLVED that the Minutes of a General Licensing Sub Committee held on 19th September 2019 be approved as a correct record.

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384 EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC

Moved by Councillor Ray Heffer and seconded by Councillor Andrew Joesbury
RESOLVED that the public be excluded from the meeting during the discussion of the following item of business to avoid the disclosure to them of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 1, Part I of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended by the Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) Order 2006).

Having previously declared a Non Significant, Non Statutory interest in the following item of business, Councillor Rose Bowler left the meeting.

385 TO CONSIDER WHETHER AN APPLICANT REMAINS 'FIT AND PROPER' TO HOLD A HACKNEY CARRIAGE/PRIVATE HIRE VEHICLE DRIVER'S LICENCE.

The Licence Holder and his representative attended the meeting for Committee to determine whether he was a fit and proper person to hold a Hackney Carriage/ Private Hire Vehicle Driver's Licence, an Operator's licence and Vehicle licences with the Council.

The Legal Advisor confirmed she had given no legal advice to the Members of the Hearing Panel prior to the meeting.

The Licensing Team Leader presented the report.

The Hearing procedure was followed.

At the request of the Licence Holder's representative, the meeting adjourned for 30 minutes to enable the Licensing Team Leader to confirm that a hard copy record of a file note had been made by the Licensing and Enforcement Officer in regard to an incident involving the Licence Holder and the Licensing and Enforcement Officer two weeks prior to this meeting.

The Licensing Team Leader read out the file note to the meeting.

The Licensing and Enforcement Officer attended the meeting and gave her verbal account of the incident involving the Licence Holder.

The Licensing and Enforcement Officer left the meeting.

The Licence Holder, his representative, the Licensing Team Leader left the meeting whilst Committee deliberated and returned for the announcement of the decision.

Moved by Councillor Natalie Hoy and seconded by Councillor Andrew Joesbury
RESOLVED that (1) the Licence Holder's Operators Licence be revoked with immediate effect,

(2) the Licence Holder's Hackney Carriage/ Private Hire Vehicle Driver's Licence be suspended for a period of 3 months,

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(3) a Community Protection Warning (CPW) be served on the Licence Holder to address his unacceptable conduct towards Council officers and the CPW to be held as a wider Council record.

(Legal/Licensing Team Leader)

Reason for Decision: Having considered the evidence presented at the hearing, the Sub-Committee determined that the Applicant was not considered a 'fit and proper person' within the scope of the statutory provisions.

Having previously declared a Non Significant, Non Statutory Interest in the following item of business, Councillors Ray Heffer and Jane Bryson left the meeting.

Councillor Andrew Joesbury in the Chair

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Moved by Councillor Rose Bowler and seconded by Councillor Mary Dooley
RESOLVED that the Licence Holder's Licence be REVOKED.

Reason for Decision: Having considered the evidence presented at the hearing, the Sub-Committee determined that the Applicant was not considered a 'fit and proper person' within the scope of the statutory provisions.

(Licensing Team Leader)

The meeting concluded at 1335 hours.