

**A MEETING OF THE LICENSING BOARD  
WAS HELD ON 28 OCTOBER 2014**

The Mayor (Councillor Gill) (ex-officio), Chairman of the Policy and Organisation Board (Councillor Hook) (ex-officio), Councillors Allen (P), Ms Ballard (P), Mrs Batty (P), Beavis (P), Ms Diffey (P), Mrs Forder (P), Geddes (P), Mrs Morgan (P), Murphy (P), Ronayne (P), Scard (P), and Mrs Searle (P).

**27. APOLOGIES**

Apologies for inability to attend the meeting were submitted on behalf of the Mayor and Councillor Hook.

**28. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillors Allen and Geddes declared that they had both previously worked for Cols Cars, the applicant for Agenda Item 6.

**29. MINUTES**

**RESOLVED:** That the Minutes of the meeting of the Licensing Board held on 16 September 2014 be approved and signed by the Chairman as a true and correct record.

**29. DEPUTATIONS**

There were no deputations.

**30. PUBLIC QUESTIONS**

There were no public questions.

**PART II**

**31. APPLICATION FOR THE RENEWAL OF A HACKNEY CARRIAGE VEHICLE  
LICENCE UNDER EXCEPTIONAL CIRCUMSTANCES**

**Note:** Councillors Allen and Geddes advised that they had previously driven taxis for Cols Cars, that they would remain in the room but take no part in the voting on this item.

Consideration was given to the report of the Head of Environmental Health advising the Licensing Board of an application to renew and extend an existing Hackney Carriage Vehicle licence for a vehicle that would be more than 8 years old at the time of the renewal. As a result, the vehicle would not meet the Gosport Borough Council Hackney Carriage & Private Hire standard conditions.

Mr Gibson was invited to address the Board. In answer to a Member's question he advised that there had never been any issue with the service history of the vehicle. He advised that

the scratches on the rear bumper were common place when lifting luggage and wheelchairs into the boot. He advised that if the paintwork was repaired, it would more than likely be damaged again within a month, but that he was looking to fit a rubber protector to the area in question.

Mr Gibson advised that the vehicles were maintained to a high standard and that his workshop was fully equipped with parts to ensure a quick turnaround should issues with the vehicles arise.

Mr Gibson advised that his vehicles were serviced every 10,000 miles and that MOT tests would take place every four months if the renewal of the vehicle was permitted.

**RESOLVED:** That the renewal of a Hackney Carriage Vehicle Licence, in exceptional circumstances be granted and that delegated authority be given to the Head of Environmental Services to determine future renewals of the vehicle.

## **32. EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC**

**RESOLVED:** That in relation to the following item the public be excluded from the meeting, as it is likely, in view of the nature of the business to be transacted or the nature of the proceedings, that if members of the public were present during these items there would be disclosure to them of exempt information within Paragraph 1 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972, and further that in all circumstances of the case, the public interest in maintaining the exemptions outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information, for the reasons set out in the report.

## **33. APPLICATION FOR A PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER'S LICENCE**

Consideration was given to an exempt report of the Head of Environmental Health requesting the Board consider an application for the grant of a Private Hire Vehicle Driver's Licence.

**RESOLVED:** That the application for a Private Hire Vehicle Driver's Licence be granted.

## **34. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

There was no other business

The Meeting concluded at 6.28pm

CHAIRMAN