

LICENSING BOARD
16th April, 2014

Present:- Councillor Wootton (in the Chair); Councillors Andrews, Barron, Beck, Buckley, Dalton, Dodson, Falvey, Goulty, J. Hamilton, N. Hamilton, Havenhand, McNeely, Read, P. A. Russell and Swift.

Apologies for absence were received from The Mayor (Councillor Foden) and from Councillors Doyle, Robinson and Sangster.

Q67. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no Declarations of Interest made at this meeting.

Q68. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON 12TH MARCH, 2014

The minutes of the previous meeting of the Licensing Board held on Wednesday 12th March, 2014, were considered.

Resolved:- That the minutes of the previous meeting be approved as a correct record for signature by the Chairman.

Q69. EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

Resolved:- That, under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in the Police Act 1997 and Paragraphs 3 and 7 of Part I of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972 (business affairs and prevention of crime).

Q70. DETERMINATION OF LICENSING ISSUES - PROPRIETORS' REQUEST FOR INDIVIDUAL EXEMPTION TO LICENSED VEHICLE CONDITIONS - DISPLAY OF PLATE/LICENCE SIGNAGE

Consideration was given to a report presented by the Licensing Manager concerning a request from the owner/proprietor of private hire vehicle "RJ10 JSX Silver Volkswagen T-Sporter" for permission not to display the required licence identification plate on the vehicle. Members noted that permission not to display the identification plate would constitute an exemption to Section 75(3) of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976.

Resolved:- That consideration of this application be deferred until the next scheduled meeting of the Licensing Board, to be held on 14th May, 2014 and the applicant be invited to attend that meeting.

Q71. DETERMINATION OF LICENSING ISSUES - HOUSE TO HOUSE COLLECTIONS

Consideration was given to a report, presented by the Licensing Manager, concerning the following five applications for the grant of promoters' permits to carry out house-to-house collections:-

| Organisation | Area | Date |
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| Coping with Cancer North east CBX | Whole of the Rotherham Borough | 10th March, 2014 to 31st December, 2014 |
| Childhood Cancer Parents Alliance (CCPA) | Whole of the Rotherham Borough | 23rd March, 2014 to 31st December, 2014 |
| Forces Support | Whole of the Rotherham Borough | 2nd March, 2014 to 30th December, 2014 |
| Children's Hearts | Whole of the Rotherham Borough | 21st April, 2014 to 20th April, 2015 |
| Woodsetts Village Hall | Woodsetts village and parish area | Spring and Summer of 2014 |

Resolved:- (1) That the application be approved and a promoter's permit be granted in respect of the Woodsetts Village Hall.

(2) That the remaining four applications, as now submitted, be refused, because in the view of the Licensing Board there is no direct benefit to the residents of the Rotherham Borough area.

Q72. APPLICATIONS FOR THE GRANT/RENEWAL/REVIEW OF HACKNEY CARRIAGE/PRIVATE HIRE DRIVERS' LICENCES

The Licensing Board considered a report presented by the Licensing Manager relating to applications for the grant, renewal and review of hackney carriage / private hire drivers' licences in respect of Messrs. W.A., S.A., N.S.M., S.U.S. and M.O.T.

Messrs. W.A., S.A., N.S.M. and S.U.S. all attended the meeting and were interviewed by the Board.

Resolved:- (1) That the application for the grant of a hackney carriage/private hire driver's licence in respect of Mr. N.S.M. be approved and he be granted a licence for three years.

(2) That the hackney carriage/private hire driver's licence in respect of Mr. W.A. be suspended for three months.

(3) That the hackney carriage/private hire driver's licence in respect of Mr. S.A. be renewed for three years and he be issued with a written warning as to his future conduct.

(4) That, further to Minute No. Q39(3) of the meeting of the Licensing Board held on 12th December, 2012, the application for the grant of a hackney carriage/private hire driver's licence in respect of Mr. S.U.S. be refused.

(5) That, further to Minute No. Q66(2) of the meeting of the Licensing Board held on 12th March, 2014, the suspension of the hackney carriage/private hire driver's licence in respect of Mr. M.O.T. shall remain in place, pending the outcome of the further investigations and Court proceedings, as now reported.

Q73. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

Resolved:- That an additional meeting of the Licensing Board take place at the Town Hall, Rotherham, on Thursday, 17th April, 2014, commencing at 2.00 p.m.