

**LICENSING BOARD
12th February, 2014**

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

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

Q55. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Wootton declared a personal interest in Minute No. 57 on the grounds that he knew the applicant and left the meeting whilst this matter was discussed.

Q56. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Consideration was given to the minutes of the previous meeting of the Licensing Board held on 8th January, 2014.

Resolved:- That the minutes of the previous meeting held on 8th January, 2014 be approved as a correct record for signature by the Chairman.

**Q57. DETERMINATION OF LICENSING ISSUE: - PROPRIETOR'S
REQUEST FOR INDIVIDUAL EXEMPTION TO LICENSED VEHICLE
CONDITIONS - DISPLAY OF PLATE/LICENCE SIGNAGE**

Further to Minute No. Q51 of the meeting of the Licensing Board held on 8th January, 2014, consideration was given to a report presented by the Licensing Manager concerning a request from the owner/proprietor of private hire vehicles "AS60 COT Mercedes Benz 250E Class" and "B15 FFS Mercedes Benz 220E Class" for permission not to display the required licence identification plates on these vehicles. This request constituted an exemption to Section 75(c) of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1976.

The Board heard that the applicant had had a previous exemption for another vehicle which lapsed when it was sold.

The applicant attended the meeting and was interviewed by the Board.

The Board also gave some consideration to making the requests for exemption time limited and suggested that this be investigated further by Officers.

Resolved:- (1) That the application be approved.

(2) That consideration be given to the implementation of a policy which set timescales relating to requests for individual exemptions to licensed vehicle conditions.

(Councillor Wootton declared a personal interest in this matter on the basis that he knew the applicant and left the room whilst it was discussed)

(Councillor Barron, Vice-Chairman, assumed the Chair)

Q58. EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

Resolved:- That the following items be considered in the absence of the press and the public as being exempt under the provisions of the Police Act 1997 and Paragraphs 3 and 7 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972 (business affairs and the prevention of crime).

Q59. HOUSE-TO-HOUSE COLLECTIONS

Consideration was given to the report submitted by the Licensing Manager concerning the following applications for the grant of a licence to carry out house-to-house collections: -

Organisation	Area	Date
(a) National Deaf Children's Society.	Whole of the Rotherham Borough	February to 31 st December, 2014
(b) Arthritis Research UK.	Whole of the Rotherham Borough	1st June to 30 th November, 2014
(c) KFCG – South Yorkshire.	Swinton and Wath upon Dearne	February, 2014
(d) Dreams Come True	Whole of the Rotherham Borough	23 rd February to 23 rd May, 2014.

Resolved:- (1) That application (c) be approved.

(2) That applications (a), (b) and (d) be refused.

Q60. APPLICATIONS FOR THE GRANT/RENEWAL/REVIEW OF HACKNEY CARRIAGE/PRIVATE HIRE DRIVERS' LICENCES

Consideration was given to report presented by the Licensing Manager relating to applications for the grant or renewal of hackney carriage/private hire drivers' licenses in respect of Messrs. S.A., S.H., M.I., P.M., and W.H.

Messrs. S.A., S.H., M.I., P.M., and W.H. attended the meeting and were interviewed by the Board.

Resolved:- (1) That Mesrrs. S.A. and W.H. be granted licences for twelve months and they be issued with a stern warning as to their future conduct.

(2) That Messrs. S.H. and P.M. be granted licences for a period of three years subject to the satisfactory completion of the Driving Standards Agency test and medical.

(3) That the application by Mr. M.I. be refused.

Q61. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

Resolved:- That the next meeting of the Licensing Board take place on Wednesday, 12th March, 2014, commencing at 9.30 a.m.