

14 MARCH 2008

NEW FOREST DISTRICT COUNCIL

GENERAL PURPOSES AND LICENSING COMMITTEE

Minutes of a meeting of the General Purposes and Licensing Committee held at Appletree Court, Lyndhurst on Friday, 14 March 2008.

p Cllr L R Puttock (Chairman)
p Cllr A E J Shotter (Vice-Chairman)

Councillors:

e G C Beck
e J A G Hutchins
Mrs P Jackman
p Mrs M McLean
e J Penwarden
p A W Rice TD
p W S Rippon-Swaine

Councillors:

p R F Scrivens
p Mrs B Smith
p M S Wade
p S S Wade
p P R Woods
e Mrs P A Wyeth

Officers Attending: Mrs R Rutins and Ms J Bateman

38. MR. TONY HETHERINGTON, LICENSING OFFICER.

The Chairman and members paid tribute to Tony Hetherington who had sadly passed away. They sent their sincere sympathy to his family for their loss.

Members said that Mr. Hetherington had been a very professional officer who had always been available to them and had always given sound advice. He had always been very helpful and courteous and he would be sadly missed. Members also noted that the local taxi trade had spoken highly of Mr. Hetherington and had expressed their sadness at his loss.

39. MINUTES.

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the meeting held on 18 January 2008, having been circulated, be signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

Arising from the Minutes:

Minute No 35 – Consideration of Changes to Taxi and Private Hire Vehicle Legislation in the Road Safety Act 2006.

Members noted that a report on the impact of this legislation on stretched limousines would be made to the Committee at the earliest opportunity.

40. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.

No declarations of interest were made by members in connection with any agenda items.

41. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION.

No issues were raised during the public participation period.

42. RECENTLY ADVERTISED INCREASE IN HACKNEY CARRIAGE TARIFFS.

Members noted that no objections had been received to the recently advertised increase in Hackney Carriage Tariffs. Officers had therefore made the necessary arrangements to change the meters of all affected vehicles on 18 March 2008 when the new tariff took effect.

RESOLVED:

That the position be noted.

43. OFFICER DELEGATIONS OF POWER.

Members considered amendments to Officer Delegations.

RESOLVED:

- (a) That, in order to create some flexibility in who may take actions in respect of the Licensing functions, all the powers, appointments and authorisations currently delegated to the Licensing Officer be also delegated to the Assistant Licensing Officer, and where, not already so delegated, also to the CCTV and Licensing Manager and the Assistant Director (Environmental Health); and
- (b) That officers be delegated powers to issue cautions in relation to offences created by the Town Police Clauses Act 1847 (as amended) and the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 as set out below:

Source:	Delegated to:
Town Police Clauses Act 1847 (as amended); and Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976	Assistant Director (Environmental Health), CCTV & Licensing Manager, Licensing Officer and Assistant Licensing Officer.

44. HAMPSHIRE CONSTABULARY – LOCAL VISIT TO LICENSED PREMISES.

The Committee noted that an invitation had been received from the Temporary Assistant Chief Constable (Territorial Operations), Hampshire Constabulary for members to accompany local police officers on late night Friday or Saturday evening visits when they were dealing with issues related to licensed premises. Members agreed that this would provide them with a better understanding of such issues.

RESOLVED:

That the invitation to accompany police officers on a late night visit be accepted and the Committee Administrator be asked, in conjunction with the Chairman, to make the necessary arrangements.

CHAIRMAN

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