

15 AUGUST 2005
NEW FOREST DISTRICT COUNCIL
LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE

Minutes of a meeting of the Licensing Sub-Committee held at Appletree Court, Lyndhurst on Monday, 15 August 2005.

Councillors:

p G C Beck
p R C H Hale

Councillors:

p P R Woods

Officers Attending

Mrs L Battersby, A Hetherington and Miss J Mutlow

Also Attending:

Applicant (Report B).

1. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN.

RESOLVED:

That Cllr Beck be elected Chairman of the Sub-Committee for this meeting.

(Cllr Beck in the Chair).

2. MINUTES (REPORT A).

RESOLVED:

That, as none of the members of the Sub-Committee attended the meeting of the Licensing Panel held on 18 January 2005, the minutes of that meeting be referred to the General Purposes and Licensing Committee for approval.

3. EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS.

RESOLVED:

That, under Section 100 (A)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public and the Press 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 paragraph 12 of Part I of Schedule 12A of the Act.

4. APPLICATION FOR THE GRANT OF A HACKNEY CARRIAGE AND PRIVATE HIRE VEHICLE DRIVER LICENCE (REPORT B).

The Sub-Committee considered an application for a Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Vehicle Driver Licence.

The Applicant reported changes in his circumstances that had occurred since he completed his application form in February 2005. The Licensing Officer presented his report, and the Applicant presented his case. Both responded to Members' questions.

The Sub-Committee considered that justice would be served if they required evidence of the applicant's spent convictions. With the applicant's permission, the Licensing Officer provided the Sub-Committee with details of these, and the applicant give the Sub-Committee further information about the circumstances in which they had arisen.

The Licensing Officer and the Applicant then withdrew while the Sub-Committee deliberated the matter.

In coming to their decision, the Sub-Committee considered all the evidence contained in the papers and presented on the day. Whilst the Sub-Committee had regard to the spent convictions, they did not consider them to be crucial to their decision.

RESOLVED:

That a Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Vehicle Driver Licence not be granted to the applicant at the present time, as the Sub-Committee do not consider that at present he is a fit and proper person to hold such a licence.

Action: Tony Hetherington

CHAIRMAN