

Hackney Carriage Committee
11 June 2019

WELWYN HATFIELD COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the HACKNEY CARRIAGE COMMITTEE held on Tuesday 11 June 2019 at 2.00 pm in the Council Chamber, Council Offices, The Campus, Welwyn Garden City, Herts, AL8 6AE.

PRESENT: Councillors H.Bower (Chairman)
B.Fitzsimon (Vice-Chairman)

J.Caliskan, A.Chesterman, L.Chesterman, P.Hebden
and H.Quenet (substituting for J.Ranshaw)

OFFICIALS PRESENT: Hackney Carriage Officer (J.Vaughan)
Regulatory Support Officer (C.Bridges)
Litigation Officer (S.S)
Observer, Principal Litigation Officer (A.Byrne)
Governance Services Officer (H.Johnson)

ALSO PRESENT: Driver (Mr. G) for Item 6
Solicitor (Mr. Butt, Butt Solicitors) for Item 6
Complainant (Mrs. C) for Item 6
Complainant's Family Member (Mr. C) for Item 6
Complainant (Mr. P, Civil Enforcement Officer), for Item 7
Complainant's Friend (Mrs. G) for Item 7

1. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN AND VICE-CHAIRMAN

Councillor H.Bower was appointed as Chairman of the Committee and Councillor B.Fitzsimon was appointed as Vice-Chairman of the Committee for the municipal year 2019-20.

2. SUBSTITUTION OF MEMBERS

Councillor H.Quenet substituting for Councillor J.Ranshaw.

3. APOLOGY

An apology for absence was received from Councillor J.Ranshaw.

4. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 30 April 2019 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

5. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS BY MEMBERS

There were no declarations of interests from Members.

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6. EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

That under Section 100(A)(2) and (4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the press and public be now excluded from the meeting for Agenda items 6, 7 and 8 (Minutes 7, 8 and 9 refer) on the grounds that they involved the likely disclosure of confidential or exempt information as defined in Section 100 (A)(3) and Paragraphs 1 (personal information), 2 (individual identity) and 3 (private financial or business information) of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the said Act (as amended).

In resolving to exclude the public in respect of the exempt information, it was considered that the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighed the public interest in disclosing the information.

7. REVIEW OF A HACKNEY CARRIAGE DRIVER LICENCE

The Regulatory Support Officer presented the exempt report of the Corporate Director (Public Protection, Planning and Governance) on the determination of a review of a Hackney Carriage Driver Licence.

The driver was in attendance for the hearing and was accompanied by Mr. B from Butt Solicitors.

Following consideration of the evidence presented, both written and oral, the Committee

RESOLVED:

That the driver receive a formal warning from the Committee.

(**Note:** A more detailed record of the Committee's decision is contained in the exempt Minute 7).

8. REVIEW OF A HACKNEY CARRIAGE DRIVER LICENCE

The Regulatory Support Officer presented the exempt report of the Corporate Director (Public Protection, Planning and Governance) on the determination of a review of a Hackney Carriage Driver Licence.

The driver was not in attendance for the hearing and one witness was in attendance.

Following consideration of the evidence presented, both written and oral, the Committee

RESOLVED:

That the driver receive a formal warning from the Committee.

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(Note: A more detailed record of the Committee's decision is contained in the exempt Minute 8).

9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The Committee discussed several issues, including the time of future meetings.

(Note: A more detailed record of the Committee's discussion is detailed in exempt minute 9)

Meeting ended at 5.10pm
(HJ)