

Cherwell District Council

Licensing Committee

Minutes of a meeting of the Licensing Committee held at Bodicote House, Bodicote, Banbury, Oxfordshire OX15 4AA, on 8 November 2012 at 2.30 pm

Present: Councillor Fred Blackwell (Chairman)
Councillor Mrs Diana Edwards (Vice-Chairman)

Councillor Timothy Hallchurch MBE
Councillor Kieron Mallon
Councillor P A O'Sullivan
Councillor G A Reynolds
Councillor Rose Stratford
Councillor Douglas Webb

Apologies for absence: Councillor Michael Gibbard
Councillor Alaric Rose

Officers: Natasha Barnes, Licensing & Vehicle Parks Manager
Claire Bold, Licensing Team Leader
Louise Aston, Team Leader, Democratic and Elections

3 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

4 Petitions and Requests to Address the Meeting

There were no petitions or requests to address the meeting.

5 Urgent Business

There was no urgent business.

6 Minutes

The Minutes of the meetings of the Committee held on 4 March 2011, 18 May 2011 and 16 May 2012 were agreed as correct records and signed by the Chairman.

7 **Minutes of meeting Thursday 3 November, 2011 of Licensing Sub Committee**

Resolved

That the Minutes of the meeting of the Licensing Sub-Committee held on 3 November 2011 be noted.

8 **Minutes of meeting Thursday 1 December, 2011 of Licensing Sub Committee**

Resolved

That the Minutes of the meeting of the Licensing Sub-Committee held on 1 December 2011 be noted.

9 **Minutes of meeting Tuesday 24 January, 2012 of Licensing Sub Committee**

Resolved

That the Minutes of the meeting of the Licensing Sub-Committee held on 24 January 2012 be noted.

10 **Minutes of meeting Thursday 23 February, 2012 of Licensing Sub Committee**

Resolved

That the Minutes of the meeting of the Licensing Sub-Committee held on 23 February 2012 be noted.

11 **Minutes of meeting Thursday 8 March, 2012 of Licensing Sub Committee**

Resolved

That the Minutes of the meeting of the Licensing Sub-Committee held on 8 March 2012 be noted.

12 **Licensing Committee: Taxi Tariffs**

The Committee considered a report of the Head of Public Protection and Development Management which sought the Committee's approval to vary the Hackney Carriage fare tariff and to give notice of the proposed variation in accordance with Section 65 (2) (a) of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976.

The Committee was advised that a proposal had been put forward by North Oxon Hackney Carriage Association (NOHA) along with an alternative proposal during the preliminary consultation. In considering the report, the Licensing Committee put forward a further alternative proposal:

- Increase Tariff 1 to £2.50 per mile, and 12p per 16th of a mile.
- Increase Tariff 2 and 4 to £2.50 per mile as requested by NOHA.
- Leave Christmas tariff as currently Cherwell is the most expensive in the area.

The Committee commented that it was important to take the current economic climate be taken into account as this had an impact on the Hackney Carriage trade, due to the public being able to afford the proposed increase.

The Committee requested the Licensing Officer to give notice of variation on the above proposal.

Resolved

- (1) That the current fare tariff be varied as follows:
 - Increase Tariff 1 to £2.50 per mile, and 12p per 16th of a mile.
 - Increase Tariff 2 and 4 to £2.50 per mile
 - No change to Christmas tariff
- (2) That the Licensing Officer be instructed to give notice of the variation in accordance with Section 65 (2) (a) of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976.
- (3) That, in the event of any objections to the notice of variation, the Licensing Officer be instructed to bring such objections back to a meeting of the Committee for consideration prior to publication of the new fare tariff.

The meeting ended at 3.00 pm

Chairman:

Date: