

LICENSING AND SAFETY COMMITTEE

24 August 2005

Present: Councillor R Snape (Chairman), Councillor Miss Iddon (Vice-Chairman), Councillors Bedford, David Dickinson, A Gee, Walker and Mrs Walsh.

05.LS.39 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors Mrs D Dickinson, T Gray, Mrs M Lees, Lennox, McGowan, Mrs I Smith and E Smith.

05.LS.40 DISCLOSURE OF PERSONAL/PREJUDICIAL INTERESTS

No Member declared an interest in relation to matters under consideration at the meeting.

05.LS.41 MINUTES

RESOLVED - That the minutes of the special meeting of the Licensing and Safety Committee held on 19 July 2005 be received as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

05.LS.42 APPLICATION TO LICENCE OVER AGE VEHICLE

The Committee received a report of the Director of Legal Services referring Members to consider a report on an application to licence a private hire vehicle that was over the Council's age limit.

The report indicated that the vehicle in question was a Mercedes E230 and was nine years old.

It was a condition of private hire vehicle licences issued by the Council that 'On the date of first licensing, a vehicle shall normally be no older than four years from the date of manufacture'. Although a Council could have a policy on ages of vehicles this policy could not be inflexible and that was the reason for the word 'normally' being in the licence condition.

A check on the vehicle had found it to be in above average condition for its age with a full service history and mileage of 65,000. In the view of the inspecting officer the vehicle would be suitable for use as a private hire vehicle provided that it successfully completed a 'taxi test'. The applicant attended the meeting to put forward representation in support.

RESOLVED - That a private hire vehicle licence be issued on condition it successfully completes a 'taxi test'.

05.LS.43 LICENSING AND REGISTRATION LICENCES ISSUED FROM 28 JUNE TO 1 AUGUST 2005

The Committee received a report of the Director of Legal Services on the various licences and permits issued and registrations effected by the Licensing Section since the last ordinary meeting.

RESOLVED - That the report be noted.

05.LS.44 APPLICATION FOR A PUBLIC ENTERTAINMENT LICENCE – THE BEAUMONT PUBLIC HOUSE, CENTRE DRIVE, CLAYTON GREEN

The Director of Legal Service submitted a report requesting the Committee to determine an application for a public entertainment licence in respect of the Beaumont Public House, Centre Drive, Clayton Green.

The application was based on the following hours:

Monday to Thursday 11.00am until 23.30pm
Friday and Saturday 11.00am until 24.00pm
Sunday 12 noon until 12.30pm

Following Police consultation, the applicant had agreed to reduce the hours to midnight on Friday and Saturday.

Objections had been received from nearby residents living in Blackcroft and Peartree Road due to noise from the establishment and attended the meeting to put forward their objections.

The Licensee along with his manager attended the meeting to put forward representations in support of his application.

A representative from the Council's Environmental Services Unit attended the meeting suggesting that the following conditions be added to the licence if granted:

- All licensed events shall take place inside the building with all windows shut and the door shut other than for ingress and egress.
- Both the entrance door and the lobby door shall be fitted with self-closing devices.
- If ventilation build-up becomes a problem this will need to be addressed by an air conditioning system or other active ventilation system.

RESOLVED - 1) That the Public Entertainment Licence in respect of the Beaumont Public House, be granted on the following hours:

Monday to Thursday 11.00am until 23.30
Friday and Saturday 11.00am until 24.00
Sunday 12 noon until 12.30pm.

2) That the approval be subject to complying with the standard conditions and additional conditions.

05.LS.45 APPLICATION FOR LICENCE TO DRIVE HACKNEY CARRIAGE/PRIVATE HIRE VEHICLES WITHIN THE BOROUGH OF CHORLEY – MR BP (05/06/61)

The Chairman accepted as urgent, consideration of this item, not included on the agenda in order to consider the application for a licence to drive a Hackney Carriage/Private hire vehicle in view of the fact it was deferred at the last meeting as the applicant did not attend and the next scheduled meeting was not until 12 October 2005.

Further to Minute 05.LS.48 the Director of Legal Services submitted a report requesting the Committee to determine an application submitted by Mr BP for a licence to drive a private hire vehicle in the Borough of Chorley following Criminal Record Bureau check had revealed offences indicating that this application be

considered by the Committee as to whether to grant a licence or otherwise.

The applicant had failed to disclose the convictions, dated 1978 and 1984, on his application form.

The applicant attended the meeting to put forward representations in support of his application.

RESOLVED - That a Hackney Carriage/Private Hire licence be granted to Mr BP.

05.LS.46 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

RESOLVED - That the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business on the ground that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 4 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972.

05.LS.48 APPLICATION FOR LICENCE TO DRIVE HACKNEY CARRIAGES/PRIVATE HIRE VEHICLES WITHIN THE BOROUGH OF CHORLEY (MR GA)

The Director of Legal Services submitted a report requesting the Committee to determine an application submitted by Mr GA for a licence to drive Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Vehicles. A Criminal Record Bureau check had revealed information that would determine that the grant of a licence would only be made following the deliberations of the Licensing and Safety Committee.

The applicant attended the meeting to put forward representations in support of his application.

RESOLVED - That a Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Licence be granted to Mr GA.

Chairman