

# LICENSING AND SAFETY COMMITTEE

25 MAY 2005

Present: Councillor R Snape (Chair), Councillor Miss Iddon (Vice-Chair), Councillors Bedford, D Dickinson, A Gee, T Gray, Mrs M Lees, Lennox, McGowan, Mrs I Smith, E Smith, Walker and Mrs Walsh.

## 05.LS.31 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors Mrs D Dickinson and Hoyle.

## 05.LS.32 DISCLOSURE OF PERSONAL/PREJUDICIAL INTERESTS

The under mentioned Member declared a personal/prejudicial interest in relation to the report indicated below included on the meeting's agenda for consideration.

Councillor David Dickinson Item 4 Application for the Renewal of a Public Entertainment Licence – The Sirloin Inn, Station Road, Hoghton, Preston

## 05.LS.33 APPLICATION FOR THE RENEWAL OF A PUBLIC ENTERTAINMENT LICENCE – THE SIRLOIN INN, STATION ROAD, HOGHTON, PRESTON

The Director of Legal Services submitted a report requesting the Committee to determine an application for the renewal of a public entertainment licence in respect of The Sirloin Inn, Station Road, Hoghton, Preston.

The application was based on the same permitted hours of Wednesdays 11.00am until 11.00pm and Saturdays 11.00am until 11.00pm.

Objection had been received from two residents due to noise from the establishment and had been invited to the meeting, but did not attend. No objection had been received from the Police and the Council's Environmental Services did not object but had made recommendations regarding work to the premises that would reduce the escape of noise from the entertainment at the premises.

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

**RESOLVED – That the Public Entertainment Licence in respect of The Sirloin, Station Road, Hoghton be renewed on the hours requested, subject to complying with the recommendations of the Environmental Services Unit.**

**(Councillor David Dickinson declared an interest in the above mentioned item and left the room during the discussion and voting)**

## 05.LS.34 ECCLESTON CRICKET CLUB – REMISSION OF FEE

The Committee received a report of the Director of Legal Services on a request from Eccleston Cricket Club for the public entertainment licence fee in respect of a forthcoming fund-raising event to be remitted.

The Cricket Club was holding an event on 24 September 2005 to raise funds for the Club and Junior Football event and had paid a fee of £180 for an occasional public entertainment licence.

**RESOLVED – That consideration of the remission of the fee be deferred pending the receipt of more information in the way of receipt of a balance sheet and breakdown of expected costs for the event.**

**05.LS.35 LICENCES AND PERMITS ISSUED 8 APRIL 2005 TO 12 MAY 2005**

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

**RESOLVED – That the report be noted.**

**05.LS.36 APPLICATION FOR LICENCE TO DRIVE PRIVATE HIRE VEHICLES – MR A MALIK**

The Chairman accepted as urgent, consideration of this item, not included on the agenda in order to consider an application received from Mr A Malik for a Hackney Carriage and Private Hire drivers licence in view of the fact that the next scheduled meeting was until 14 September 2005.

The application had been referred to the Committee for consideration because the applicant had held a driving licence since 27 June 2002 and the Council's policy was that applications for Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Drivers' Licence who have not attained the age of 21 years at the date of applying or do not have three years of experience driving under a full DVLA licence be not normally granted a licence, but that applicants who wish to put forward reasons why an exception be made from this general policy in their case be given an opportunity to appear before the Committee.

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

**RESOLVED – 1) That Mr Malik's application be approved, subject to the usual medical and checks, as the applicant is considered to be a fit and proper person to hold a Private Hire/Hackney Carriage Drivers' Licence.**

**2) That the Council's policy on the issue of a Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Drivers' Licence to those applicants who have had a DVLA Licence for at least three years be reviewed and reported back to a future meeting of the Committee.**

**05.LS.37 CHAPEL STREET MUSIC FESTIVAL**

The Director of Legal Services informed the Committee that the Chapel Street Music Festival was to take place on 6 August and that the activities would indicate the need to blocking off the taxi rank.

**RESOLVED - That if enough notice is given an informal rank be arranged in the area for 6 August.**

**05.LS.38 PRIVATE HIRE OPERATOR – COMPLAINTS**

The Director of Legal Services informed the Committee that a complaint had been received regarding a private hire operator in Chorley and that a special meeting of the Committee should be arranged as soon as possible to bring to the attention of members, the continuing problems associated with the operator.

**RESOLVED – That a Special Meeting of the Licensing and Safety Committee be held on Friday, 3 June 2005 commencing at 2.00pm.**

Chair