

WEST OXFORDSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the  
**MISCELLANEOUS LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE**  
held in Committee Room Two, Council Offices, Woodgreen, Witney, Oxon  
at 10.00am on Tuesday 15 December 2015

PRESENT

Councillors: N A MacRae MBE (Chairman); E H James and G Saul

38. MINUTES

**RESOLVED:** that the minutes of the meeting of the Sub-Committee held on 23 October 2015 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

39. APPLICATION FOR A STREET TRADING CONSENT – WELCH WAY, WITNEY.

At the request of the Chairman, the Council's Licensing Officer gave a brief update on the operation of the unit granted a three month Street Trading Consent at the last meeting of the Sub-Committee.

She advised that on one occasion the stallholders had used their vehicle to anchor the stall during a period of high winds, parking it on the footway to stabilise the stall. This action had given rise to complaints from Members of the Council and the licence holders had been informed that this was unacceptable and advised that, if weather conditions were such that the stall could not be erected safely without such support, they ought not to continue to trade.

Subsequently, the stallholders had been operating in accordance with the terms of their licence and no further issues had arisen. The business appeared to be operating successfully in its new location and no further complaints had been received.

40. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND TEMPORARY APPOINTMENTS

Apologies for absence were received from S J Good and M Brennan

41. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest from Members or Officers relating to matters to be considered at the meeting.

42. PARTICIPATION OF THE PUBLIC

No submissions were received from the public in accordance with the Council's Rules of Procedure.

43. EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC

**RESOLVED:** That the Sub-Committee, being of the opinion that it was likely, in view of the nature of the business to be transacted, that if members of the public were present during the following item of business there would be a disclosure to them of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972, the public be excluded from the meeting.

44. REVIEW OF A PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER'S LICENCE

The Sub-Committee received and considered the report of the Shared Head of Public Protection and Regulation containing exempt information regarding the review of a Private Hire Drivers Licence, copies of which had been circulated.

The Licensing Officer introduced her report and details of the endorsements were outlined.

The driver was then interviewed by the Sub-Committee, presenting her case for the retention of a licence, and providing details of the circumstances relating to the endorsements of her driving licence.

Having considered the report and the evidence given by the driver the Sub-Committee:

**RESOLVED:** That, in view of the evidence submitted by the licence holder, the Private Hire Driver's Licence be not suspended or revoked and, subject to all other relevant circumstances remaining unchanged, the Shared Head of Public Protection and Regulation be authorised to renew the licence.

The public was then readmitted to the meeting and, in advising the licence holder of the decision, the Chairman emphasised the high standard of driving expected by the Council and cautioned her to ensure that she remained conscious of her speed at all times in the future

The meeting closed at 10:15am

CHAIRMAN