

Coventry City Council
Minutes of the Meeting of Licensing and Regulatory Committee held at 9.30 am
on Tuesday, 2 October 2018

Present:

Members: Councillor P Hetherton (Chair)
Councillor R Brown
Councillor J Clifford
Councillor D Gannon
Councillor D Kershaw
Councillor A Lucas
Councillor K Sandhu
Councillor R Thay
Councillor C Thomas

Employees (by Directorate):

Place: A Barrett, S Beechey, N Castledine, Place Directorate
U Patel, Resources Directorate
A Walster, Place Directorate
A Wright, Resources Directorate S Yarker

Apologies: Councillor J Birdi, B Kaur, T Mayer and S Walsh

Public Business

31. Declarations of Interest

Councillor Thomas declared an 'Other Interest' in the matter the subject of Minute 38(b) as the complainant who attended the meeting was a personal friend. She withdrew from the meeting during the consideration of this item.

32. Minutes

The minutes of the Committee meeting held on 11th September 2018 were signed as a true record.

33. Exclusion of Press and Public

RESOLVED that under Section 1004(A) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public be excluded from the meeting for the item of business indicated below on the grounds that those items involve the likely disclosure of exempt information, as defined in Schedule 12A of that Act, in particular those paragraphs of Part 1 of the Schedule as indicated:

Minute No.	Subject	Relevant Paragraph of Part 1 of Schedule 12A
36	Fatal accident and serious injuries caused by collapse of metal stillages of tyres through office roof	7

37	Illegal Shisha Bar	7
38	Applications for the Grant/Suitability to hold Hackney Carriage & Private Hire Driver's Licence	1 and 3

34. Outstanding Issues Report

There were no outstanding issues.

35. Any other items of public business which the Chair decides to take as matters of urgency because of the special circumstances involved

There were no other items of public business.

36. Fatal accident and serious injuries caused by collapse of metal stillages of tyres through office roof

RESOLVED that, having considered a report of the Deputy Chief Executive (Place), the Council Solicitor be authorised to institute legal proceedings under Health and Safety at Work etc. Act 1974 and the Management of Health and Safety at Work Regulations 1999 against appropriate persons in respect of the fatal accident and serious injuries caused by the collapse of metal stillages of tyres through the office roof at DHL Supply Chain Ltd, Unit 3, West Avenue, Central Boulevard, Coventry.

In addition, it was agreed to delegate powers to the Director of Streetscene and Regulatory Services to authorise legal proceedings for any further offences which may come to light before the case under consideration has been resolved in court.

37. Illegal Shisha Bar

RESOLVED that, having considered a report of the Deputy Chief Executive (Place), the Council Solicitor be authorised to institute legal proceedings under Health Act 2006 and the Tobacco and Related Products Regulations 2016 against appropriate persons in respect of the alleged illegal shisha business at Arabella Lounge, 181 Spon Street, Coventry.

In addition, it was agreed to delegate powers to the Director of Streetscene and Regulatory Services to authorise legal proceedings for any further offences which may come to light before the case under consideration has been resolved in court.

38. Applications for the Grant/Suitability to hold Hackney Carriage & Private Hire Drivers' Licences

RESOLVED that, having considered the circumstances set out in the reports of the Deputy Chief Executive (Place), now submitted:

(a) The Hackney Carriage Driver's Licence held by Mr Major Singh be suspended for a period of one month and that he attend training specific to customer service to be organised by the Taxi Licensing Office.

(Notes: (i) Mr M Singh attended the meeting in support of his case.
(ii) The complainant also attended the meeting in support of her complaint.)

(b) The Hackney Carriage Driver's Licence held by Mr Purvez Iqbal be revoked.

(Notes: (i) Mr P Iqbal and a representative attended the meeting in support of his case.
(ii) The complainant and her representative also attended the meeting in support of her complaint.)

(c) The Hackney Carriage Driver's Licence held by Mr Chamkaur Singh Sandhu be confirmed and the Director of Streetscene and Regulatory Services be instructed to issue Mr Sandhu with a written warning. Mr Sandhu also be required to attend training specific to customer service to be organised by the Taxi Licensing Office.

(Note: Mr C S Sandhu and a Union Representative attended the meeting in support of his case.)

39. Any other items of private business which the Chair decides to take as matters of urgency because of the special circumstances involved

There were no other items of private business.

(Meeting closed at 1.25 pm)