

Decision Summary

Committee: Licensing and Safety Committee
Date: 26 March 2013
Committee Clerk: David Gordon
Tel: 01484 221000

Chair

Councillor Mumtaz Hussain

Councillors Attended

Steve Hall, Derek John Hardcastle, Mark Hemingway, Lisa J Holmes, Hilary S Richards, Phil Scott, Mohan S Sokhal, Amanda L Stubley

Apologies

Councillors Ahmed, Brice, Palfreeman and Christine Smith

1. Membership of the committee

This is where Councillors who are attending as substitutes will say for whom they are attending.

Councillor Hemingway is substituting for Councillor Ward

Councillor Holmes is substituting for Councillor Dodds - 9 day change.

Decision: Councillor Hemingway substituted for Councillor Ward

Councillor Holmes substituted for Councillor Dodds.

2. Site Visit - Land off Churchfield, Denby Dale, Huddersfield

To undertake a site visit to the above site which is the subject of an application to register as a Town or Village Green.

Contact: Paolo Colagiovanni - 01484 221558

Wards Affected: Denby Dale

Decision: Site visit undertaken.

3. Site Visit - Proposed New Taxi Ranks at Holmfirth

To undertake a site visit.

Contact: Catherine Walter - 01484 456860

Wards Affected: Holme Valley South

Decision: Site visit undertaken.

4. Minutes of previous meeting

To approve the Minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 29 October 2012.

Decision: Approved as a correct record.

5. Interests

The Councillors will be asked to say if there are any items on the Agenda in which they have disclosable pecuniary interests, which would prevent them from participating in any discussion of the items or participating in any vote upon the items, or any other interests

Decision: No interests were declared.

6. Admission of the public

Most debates take place in public. This only changes when there is a need to consider certain issues, for instance, commercially sensitive information or details concerning an individual. You will be told at this point whether there are any items on the Agenda which are to be discussed in private.

Decision: All the items on the Agenda were taken in public session.

7. Deputations / Petitions

The Committee will receive any petitions and hear any deputations from members of the public. A deputation is where up to five people can attend the meeting and make a presentation on some particular issue of concern. A member of the public can also hand in a petition at the meeting but that petition should relate to something on which the body has powers and responsibilities.

Decision: No deputations / petitions were received.

8. Public question time

The Committee will hear any questions from the general public.

Decision: No questions were asked.

MATTERS FOR DECISION

9. Amendments to Riding Establishment Conditions

To seek approval to amend the Riding Establishment conditions to incorporate conditions regarding pony parties and donkey rides.

Contact: Rachel Wetherill - 01484 416701

Wards Affected: All

Decision: That, in order to incorporate conditions regarding pony parties and donkey rides, the proposed new conditions 25 and 26 as detailed in Appendix 2 to the submitted report relating to Licences for Riding Establishments be approved, subject to the inclusion of riding hours, rest periods, equines pulling carts, notification about equines going outside Kirklees to events and a requirement for a risk assessment to be included in Guidance Notes.

10. Determination of an Application to Register Land off Churchfield, Denby Dale, Huddersfield as a Town or Village Green

The Council, as Registration Authority, is required to determine the application and consider the recommendation of the Inspector following a Public Inquiry held to consider the application.

Contact: Paolo Colagiovanni - 01484 221558

Wards Affected: Denby Dale

Decision: That the recommendation of the Inspector is followed and that the Application is rejected and the claimed land is not registered as a Town or Village Green.

11. Proposed New Taxi Ranks at Holmfirth and Huddersfield Town Centre

To consider proposals for new Taxi Ranks at Victoria Street and Victoria Square, Holmfirth and John William Street, Huddersfield.

Contact: Catherine Walter - 01484 456860

Wards Affected: Holme Valley South, Newsome

Decision:

- (1) That approval be given for the Taxi Rank at John William Street, Huddersfield between the junction of Church Street and the junction of St Peter's Street for 6 Hackney Carriage vehicles between 23:00 hours to 04:00 hours the next day.
- (2) That approval be given for Temporary Hackney Carriage Taxi Ranks at Victoria Street (4 vehicles) and Victoria Square (2 vehicles), Holmfirth between 20:00 hours to 02:00 hours the next day.
- (3) That discussions take place between the relevant parties and the Local Ward Councillors for the provision of appropriate Hackney Carriage Taxi Rank provision as part of the proposed new scheme for the Bus Station in Holmfirth.

12. Private Hire and Hackney Carriage Vehicle Age Policy

To consider a request from the Taxi Trade for changes to the Vehicle Age Policy.

Contact: Catherine Walter - 01484 456860

Wards Affected: All

Decision:

- (1) That the following changes be approved to the current criteria on vehicle age limits for licensed vehicles:-
 - (a) Applications for Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Vehicles be considered for first licensing up to six years of age.
 - (b) That an open age limit be applied to London Cab type vehicles, but after reaching 15 years the vehicles be subject to a minimum twice yearly compliance test.
- (2) That the Licensing Manager be requested to submit a report to the Committee in respect of Category C and Category D Insurance Vehicle Right Offs.