

Crawley Borough Council

Minutes of Licensing Committee

3 November 2010 at 7.30pm

Present:

Councillor B McCrow (Chair)

Councillor V Cumper (Vice-Chair)

Councillors B K Blake, N Boxall, B J Burgess, L R Gilroy, M G Jones, S Kaur,
D P Kavanagh, P K Lamb, C C Lloyd, J L Millar-Smith, B J Quinn
and J A Singh

Officers Present:

Tony Baldock

Mike Lyons

Mez Matthews

Bill Nailen

Angela Tanner

Astrid Williams

Group Manager – Regulatory Services

Licensing Officer

Democratic Services Officer

Licensing Officer

Head of Planning and Environmental
Services

Lawyer

Apologies for Absence:

Councillor D J Shreeves

10. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 8 September 2010 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

11. Members' Disclosure of Interests

No disclosures of interest were made by Members.

12. Hackney Carriage Fares, 2010-2011

The Committee considered report PES/12 of the Head of Planning and Environmental Services which proposed increases to the Hackney Carriage table of fares for 2010-2011. The last increase in Hackney Carriage fares had taken place in December 2008. The report included the current table of fares, the trade's proposals, neighbouring authorities' current tariffs, and a letter received by Crawley and Gatwick Chamber of Commerce regarding taxi fares.

Mr Alan Howard, Secretary of the Crawley Hackney Association, addressed the Committee and drew their attention to Appendix B of the report which detailed the Association's tariff proposals. Mr Howard informed the Committee that following a drivers' ballot, the Association requested that the initial hiring for up to one mile (1759 yards) be increased from £3.20 to £3.40 and that the current figure of £2.10 per running mile be retained with a view to implementation on or around 1 December 2010. Following the drivers' ballot, the Association also proposed that tariff two (all hirings begin between midnight and 6am including Bank Holidays, and all hirings from 18:00hrs to 23:59 on the 24 December and from 18:00 on New Years Eve to 23:59 on 1 January) and tariff three (all hirings from 00:01 on 25 December to midnight on 26 December) remain frozen at the current rate.

The Licensing Officer informed the Committee that should they decide to approve the proposal based on the information contained within the report, there was a legal requirement to advertise those changes in the local media for a period of 14 days and any representations would need to be considered.

Members considered the report and the information supplied by Mr Howard, and agreed that the Hackney Carriage fares be increased as proposed by the Crawley Hackney Association.

RESOLVED

1. That the initial hiring amount be increased from £3.20 to £3.40 for the first mile (1759 yards) and that the current figure of £2.10 per running mile be retained with an implementation date on or around the 1 December 2010.
2. That tariffs two and three remain frozen at the current rate.

13. Closure of Meeting

With the business of the Committee concluded, the Chair declared the meeting closed at 7.40pm.

B MECROW
Chair