

FALMOUTH TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Licensing Committee held on Monday 24th October 2016 in the Council Chamber, Municipal Buildings, Falmouth at 5.00pm.

Present: Councillors Mrs R D Brock (Chair), S Gray and Ms D E Merrett

In Attendance: A M Williams (Town Clerk)
Miss K Palin (Licensing Applicant)
T Harrington (Chairman Falmouth Taxi Association)

LSC152 **APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were received and approved from Councillors Body (work) and Mrs Davies (ill).

LSC153 **INTERESTS**

None received.

LSC154 **MINUTES**

It was proposed by Councillor Mrs Brock, seconded by Councillor Gray and

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 26th September 2016 be agreed as a correct record of the proceedings and signed by the Chair.

LSC155 **STREET TRADING**

Application for Street Trading Consent by Miss Kathryn Ann Palin

Miss Palin advised that she wished to trade, selling local crafted jewellery on Arwenack Street, Falmouth (outside Grove Place Toilets) every Saturday from 1000 hours to 1700 hours. Trading as Divine Jewellery Falmouth. She provided examples of jewellery and answered members questions.

The Town Clerk reported that the Falmouth Town Manager raised no issues with the application.

It was proposed by Councillor Ms Merrett, seconded by Councillor Gray and

RESOLVED that the Council raised no objection to the application.

LSC156 **HACKNEY CARRIAGE AND PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER LICENSING SUMMARY PUBLIC CONSULTATION**

Mr Harrington thanked the Council for supporting the retention of zoning in Cornwall that protected the trade ensuring a fair spread of trade and better service to the public. He raised a number of reservations regarding the current consultation.

It was proposed by Councillor Mrs Brock, seconded by Councillor Gray and

RESOLVED that the Council replies to the consultation
As follows:

Question 1. The Council does not support a knowledge test for all drivers throughout Cornwall. It may hinder passenger safety and levels of service. The Council felt to be effective drivers should only work in the zone in which they were 'tested'.
E.g. What would the point of a knowledge test of Newquay be

if the owners worked in Falmouth. The test would have to be Countrywide and that would be impractical.

Question 2. The Council supported the requirement for assessments for all drivers throughout Cornwall. This would impose standards and be consistent.

Question 3. The Council supported the requirement that all applicants be tested to ensure they have sufficient ability to speak English and understand spoken English. These would improve standards and level of service.

Question 4. The Council supported the updating of conviction guidelines regarding the driver 'fit and proper' test. This should include exclusion of all drivers with convictions for violent or sexual offences. There should also be a countrywide consistent approach when assessing 'spent' convictions.

Question 5. The Council supports the updated Code of Conduct for all licensed drivers, vehicle owners and operators. This would ensure a consistent quality service and a safe service to users.

Further comments. The Council strongly supports the retention of zones and noted that the Falmouth driver and operators provided an efficient and cost effective service that was well regulated by the Licensing Authority.

There being no further business to transact the Chairman declared the Meeting closed at 5.45pm.

Signed: Date: