

MAIDSTONE BOROUGH COUNCIL

LICENSING COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 16 JULY 2009

Present: **Councillor Sellar (Chairman), and
Councillors Butler, FitzGerald, Mrs Gibson, Marshall,
Naghi, Mrs Parvin, Warner, Yates, Butler and Mrs Joy**

Also Present: **Councillors Wilson, Mortimer and Mrs Wilson**

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Hinder and Councillor Mrs Hinder.

2. NOTIFICATION OF SUBSTITUTE MEMBERS

The following substitutions were noted:-

Councillor Butler for Councillor Mrs Hinder

3. NOTIFICATION OF VISITING MEMBERS

Councillor Mrs Wilson indicated her wish to speak on the Street Trading Applications from Mr Richards, Mr Bolesworth and Mrs Bolesworth.

Councillor Mortimer indicated his wish to speak on the Street Trading Applications from Mr Bolesworth and Mrs Bolesworth.

4. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

RESOLVED: That Councillor Sellar be elected Chairman for the municipal year 2009/10.

5. ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN

RESOLVED: That Councillor FitzGerald be elected Vice Chairman for the municipal year 2009/10.

6. DISCLOSURES BY MEMBERS AND OFFICERS

Councillor Sellar disclosed that he would exclude himself from the hearing as he had previously objected to an application by the same applicants and there may, therefore, be an appearance of bias.

7. DISCLOSURES OF LOBBYING

There were no disclosures of lobbying.

8. EXEMPT ITEMS

RESOLVED: That the items on Part II of the Agenda be taken in private as proposed.

9. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 7 APRIL 2009

RESOLVED: That the Minutes not be approved as a correct record and that they be amended and brought for approval at the next meeting.

10. APPOINTMENT OF POLITICAL GROUP SPOKESPERSONS

RESOLVED: That the Political Group Spokespersons be elected as follows:-

Councillor Sellar – Liberal Democrat
Councillor Mrs Parvin – Conservative
Councillor FitzGerald – Independent

11. TRADE REPRESENTATIVE ITEMS AND OTHER HACKNEY CARRIAGE AND PRIVATE HIRE MATTERS

The Committee considered the report of the Democratic Services Manager regarding matters raised by the Hackney Carriage Association.

A representative of the Hackney Carriage Association addressed the Committee and explained that during the recent gas works in King Street, the taxi rank had been moved to the monument. It became apparent during this time that this arrangement worked very well and the Committee were requested to consider re-siting 4 taxis to the monument on a permanent basis. It was also requested that the TV screen outside The Mall be moved to the Gateway so that it can be utilised by the taxi rank outside Somerfield.

It was now understood that taxi proprietors will be consulted on the High Street regeneration project.

The Hackney Carriage Association also raised the issue of access from the bottom of the High Street which had been raised at a previous meeting and asked for an update on the position

RESOLVED: That the Democratic Services Manager investigate with the Joint Transportation Board and submit a report to the Committee.

12. LICENSING COMMITTEE - REVIEW OF DEVOLVED POWERS

RESOLVED: That this item be deferred to the next meeting for a full report.

13. EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC FROM THE MEETING

RESOLVED: That the public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business because of the likely disclosure of exempt information for the reason specified:-

**Head of Schedule 12A
and
Brief Description**

Report of the Democratic Services
Manager – Street Trading Consent –
Mr D Richardson

3 – Financial/Business
Affairs.

Report of the Democratic Services
Manager – Street Trading Consent –
Mr D Bolesworth

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Report of the Democratic Services
Manager – Street Trading Consent –
Mrs M Bolesworth

3 – Financial/Business
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Councillors Naghi and Sellar left the meeting and Councillor FitzGerald took the Chair.

Visiting members left the meeting before the decision was made.

Councillor Sellar and visiting members returned to hear the decision made.

14. DURATION OF MEETING

6.30 p.m. to 9.25 p.m.