

**BOROUGH COUNCIL OF KING'S LYNN & WEST NORFOLK**

**LICENSING & APPEALS BOARD**

**Minutes of a Meeting of the Licensing and Appeals Board held on  
Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December 2013 at 6pm in the Committee Suite, King's Court,  
Chapel Street, Kings Lynn**

**PRESENT:**

Councillors D Tyler (Chairman)  
C Crofts (Vice-Chairman), R Groom, G Howman, J Loveless,  
A Lovett, C Manning, G McGuinness, C Sampson,  
Mrs S Smeaton, M Tilbury and A Wright.

**By Invitation:**

Councillor M Pitcher.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors M Back, R Bird, A Lawrence and G Sandell.

**1. URGENT BUSINESS**

There was no urgent business.

**2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

**3. MEMBERS PRESENT PURSUANT TO STANDING ORDER 34**

Councillor M Pitcher.

**4. MINUTES**

(i) The minutes of the full Licensing & Appeals Board meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> May 2013 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

(ii) The minutes of the Licensing & Appeals Board Panel Hearings held on the following dates were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman:

22<sup>nd</sup> May 2013  
28<sup>th</sup> May 2013 – 2 hearings  
4<sup>th</sup> June 2013  
30<sup>th</sup> July 2013 – 2 hearings  
19<sup>th</sup> September 2013  
26<sup>th</sup> September 2013  
5<sup>th</sup> November 2013

## 5. **ADOPTION OF HACKNEY CARRIAGE RANKS IN KING'S LYNN**

The Environmental Health Manager (Commercial) explained that as a result of the redevelopment of Tuesday Market Place it had been necessary to review the location of various Hackney Carriage Ranks in King's Lynn.

Norfolk County Council Highways had notified the Licensing Team at the Borough Council in November 2012 that it was their intention to move the existing Hackney Carriage Stand on the Tuesday Market Place and to make amendments to the existing hackney stands on Norfolk Street and Blackfriars Street, King's Lynn. Hackney stands could only be adopted with the land owner's permission, which in the case of public highways was Norfolk County Council.

Section 63 (2) of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 required that before appointing any stand for hackney carriages or varying the number of hackney carriages to be at each stand, a District Council should give notice to the Chief Officer of Police for the police area in which the stand is situated. The Act also required that the Borough Council gave public notice of the proposal by advertising in at least one local newspaper circulating in the district and should take into consideration any objections or representations in respect of such proposals which may be made to them in writing within twenty-eight days of the first publication of such notice. The Environmental Health Manager (Commercial) explained that there had been no representations as a result of the consultation exercise.

The proposals encompassed the following locations:

Tuesday Market Place, King's Lynn. Following the redevelopment of the Tuesday Market Place the existing two-bay hackney stand had been lost to accommodate the new pedestrian zone. Two new bays have been created directly in front of Prezzo's and could be seen on the plan attached at Appendix One to the report. The new rank would operate 24 hours Monday to Sunday.

Norfolk Street, King's Lynn. It was proposed to move the existing stand on Norfolk Street rank by one space towards Railway Road to facilitate traffic turning right into Albert Street. The number of spaces would remain at 6 and operate Monday to Sunday between 6pm and 8am the following day. A Plan showing the location of the Norfolk Street rank had been attached to the report at Appendix Two.

Blackfriars Street, King's Lynn. It was proposed to convert the existing two-bay hackney stand outside Cosmopolitan (formerly Antonio's) from a 24-hour stand to a stand that operated between 10pm and 6am the following day. Between 6am and 10pm each day it would be 'loading' only. A Plan showing the location of the Blackfriars Street rank had been attached to the report at Appendix Three.

Corner of Conduit Street/Paradise Parade, King's Lynn. To compensate for the loss of the 24-hour rank on Blackfriars Street, a new Monday to Sunday 24-hour stand was proposed for two taxis on the corner of Conduit Street/Paradise Parade. The location of the stand could be seen on the plan attached at Appendix Three to the report.

The Environmental Health Manager (Commercial) explained that the report would be considered by Cabinet and subsequently Full Council at their meeting on 30<sup>th</sup> January 2014.

Councillor J Loveless welcomed the proposed double yellow lines outside the former Old Post Office and questioned whether the order would also prevent blue badge holders from parking in this area. Councillor McGuinness also questioned the space available for access particularly if more than one taxi was parked in the bay. The Environmental Health Manager (Commercial) undertook to clarify.

Councillor J Loveless made reference that he had witnessed private hire vehicles often parking in designated hackney carriage ranks which was unlawful (i.e. Norfolk Street). The Environmental Health Manager (Commercial) advised that if such incidents were witnessed that they should be reported to the Licensing Team, making a note of the relevant plate number.

Councillor R Groom referred to Appendix One, the detailed map of Tuesday Market Place, in particular the bays marked for blue badge holders indicating that they had 30 minutes free of parking as opposed to 20 minutes for the other designated bays and questioned whether this was in fact an error. The Environmental Health Manager (Commercial) undertook to clarify and report back. Councillor R Groom also referred to a recent Government directive in relation to parking in town centres.

**AGREED:** That the Licensing & Appeals Board supports the adoption of the changes to the Hackney Carriage Ranks in King's Lynn.

## **6. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

There being no pending business, no date was set for a further meeting.

The Chairman and Vice-Chairman wished to put on record the Board's good wishes to John Gilbraith, the Licensing Manager for a speedy recovery from his recent illness.

**The meeting closed at 6.28pm**