

HACKNEY CARRIAGE TRADE WORKING GROUP

MEETING HELD AT THE BIRKDALE ROOM - SOUTHPORT TOWN
HALL, LORD STREET, SOUTHPORT, PR8 1DA
ON TUESDAY 13TH JUNE, 2017

PRESENT:

South Sefton Hackney Carriage Drivers Association
Richard Jarman

North West Taxi Association
Trevor Jones

North Sefton Night Drivers Association
(Vacant)

North Sefton Hackney Carriage Drivers Association
Tony Crabtree

Southport Station Hackney Carriage Association
John Murrison

North West Taxi Trade Association
Chris Snellgrove

Ability Network
Paula Hodson

Officers
Mark Toohey (Chair), Principal Trading Standards Officer
Mike Foulkes, Senior Taxi Licensing Officer

MEETING OFFICER: Liz Risley
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1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None

2. MINUTES

The minutes were agreed as a true record.

3. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

None raised.

4. HACKNEY CARRIAGE LICENCES

RJ – Raised the issue that if a proprietor wants to stagger licensing his vehicles can they license earlier to do this. Especially if he has a lot of vehicles all to be tested and relicensed at the same time.

MT – Speak with One Stop Shop

5. METER TESTING

RJ – Raised question on when meter test slips needs to be produced at One Stop Shop and a discussion was held on meter testing new vehicles before they are licensed.

MT – Gave group clarification and said green slips need to be presented at the One Stop Shop when the meter or vehicle has been changed.

6. HACKNEY CARRIAGE RANK - ROYAL BIRKDALE

JM – Raised issue of the Hackney Carriage Rank at the Open Gold Event. He told the Group that he has officially put in a corporate complaint into the Council (Level 1). He and his members are not happy with it being in Selworthy Road and would like to have a meeting with the Chief Executive, Dave Marrin and also have an independent representative present to discuss other possible venues, like Greenbank Drive, for the Rank. Rather than just to being told you can't have it there and that's that.

MT – Stated he needs to escalate the issue from a Level 1 complaint. He stated to the Group, that he can only pass on his concerns and ask for the meeting. He has no power to alter or change the decision that has been made for the location of the Rank.

TC – Stated that there is no point to these meetings if the concerns and issues raised by the Group are not being passed on or actioned. The Group has asked for meetings and no-one wants to meet the Group face to face to discuss issues. Just being told that is it and not able to meet is not acceptable. It's too late by the time the next Group meeting comes around to be told the same thing. The Rank is half a mile away and no-one will want to walk up and use it. The buses are closer.

TJ – Asked where will disabled people be picked up? He said he thought the Council would put the rank closer. He thought it was the Council's job to provide easy access transport access for all.

PH – Asked if she could attend the meeting if one is granted, with regards to disabled access.

JM –stated all he wants to be given the chance to express his concerns and not just to be ignored or told, this is how it is or fobbed off.

RJ – Said that Flagship events like this, the Group should be consulted and be part of all the meeting at planning stage.

TC – Agreed

7. HACKNEY CARRIAGE FARE INCREASE

JM – Handed the Group a leaflet on proposed Hackney Carriage Fare Increase. A rise of 10p from the start from £1.90 to £2.00 and then a further 10p extra per mile there after that.

TC – Also mentioned that a rise in waiting time needs to be considered too.

MT – Advised the Group to liaise with its members and get back to him with possible ideas and proposals by end of July so it can be agreed and carried forward at the next meeting in early September so it can go to press and not miss any deadlines.

PH – Stated that this increase is still minimal and tariff is cheaper than other Local Authorities.

8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

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TC – Not happy with not being told or kept in the loop with regards to road closures, especially the resurfacing of Lord Street. He said issues like this affects the Hackney Trade and would like to be informed in future.

RC – Wants list of Road Closures to be distributed to the Group.

MT – Agreed and said he will forward any emails received.

MT- Mentioned that Chris Snellgrove still wants to be part of the meetings as himself, although he is not representing a Group as such. Nothing has been decided on this as yet.

Date of next Meeting

Tuesday 5th September 2017