

**Minutes of a Meeting of the  
WBC Licensing and Control Committee 'A' of  
Worthing Borough Council**

**Gordon Room, Town Hall, Chapel Road, Worthing**

**Tuesday 16 September 2014**

Councillor Paul High (Chairman)

Roy Barraclough	*Susan Jelliss
Keith Bickers	Kevin Jenkins
Callum Buxton	Sean McDonald
James Doyle	Dr Heather Mercer
*Norah Fisher	Louise Murphy
Diane Guest	Mark Nolan
Paul Howard	Luke Proudfoot

\*Absent

**LCCA/14-15/07 Declarations of Interests / Substitute Members**

There were none

**LCCA/14-15/08 Confirmation of minutes**

**Resolved:** That the minutes of the meeting of Licensing and Control Committee 'A' that took place on 28 July 2014 be confirmed as a correct record and be signed by the Chairman.

**LCCA/14-15/09 Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 Proposed Increase in the Taxi Tariff**

Before the Committee was a report by the Director for Customer Services, copies of which had been distributed to all Members and a copy of which is attached to the signed copy of these minutes as item 4. Members were requested to consider an application received from Worthing Voluntary Taxi Association for an increase in the Hackney Carriage Tariff.

Mr Tom Carmen of the Voluntary Taxi Association was present to make his application and answer questions from the Committee. Members discussed the application and noted that a change to how distances were recorded was confusing and made it difficult to compare the proposed tariff and the previous with the existing tariff. The taxi representative explained that legislation had been introduced to standardise the way distance was measured which had led to the discrepancy. The representative explained the difficulties in developing a new tariff including technical problems with making sure a new tariff could be used on a range of taxi meters. Members discussed some illustrative examples of the rise in tariff and what these would mean for a typical journey.

Members investigated the methods used in collecting votes for the raised in fare and the way that the Voluntary Taxi Association had been constituted.

Members noted that the previous fare had included a surplus fuel charge and received assurances that if the proposed tariff was approved then the fuel surcharge would no longer be in place.

**Resolved:**

- i) That the proposed tariff be approved and sent out for statutory consultation;
- ii) That as a result of the proposed new tariff being approved the fuel surcharge be removed.

The meeting was declared closed by the Chairman at 7.27pm, it having commenced at 6.30pm.

**Chairman**