



Minutes

PUBLIC PROTECTION COMMITTEE

Date:	Friday, 1 April 2016
Venue:	Town Hall, St Annes.
Committee Members:	Councillor Angela Jacques (Chairman) Councillor Barbara Nash (Vice-Chairman) Councillors Frank Andrews, Jan Barker, Brenda Blackshaw, Gail Goodman JP, Shirley Green, Peter Hardy, Neil Harvey.
Other Councillors Present:	Councillors Christine Akeroyd, Ray Thomas
Officers Present:	Ian Curtis, Chris Hambly, Jo Gallagher, Sharon Wadsworth, Tara Walsh.
Other Attendees:	Mr McDonald

Councillor Barbara Nash conducted the meeting at the request of the Chairman, Councillor Jacques.

1. Declarations of interest

Members were reminded that any disclosable pecuniary interests should be declared as required by the Localism Act 2011 and any personal or prejudicial interests should be declared as required by the Council's Code of Conduct for Members. There were no declarations of interest on this occasion.

2. Confirmation of minutes

RESOLVED: To approve the minutes of the Public Protection Committee meeting held on 27 November 2015 as a correct record for signature by the Chairman.

3. Substitute members

There were no substitute members in attendance at the meeting.

Decision Items

4. Request for Dispensation from Displaying Private Hire Vehicle Signage

Chris Hambly, Environmental Services Manager, presented a request that had been received from Mr McDonald, as a prospective Private Hire Operator, seeking dispensation from displaying the required private hire vehicle signage.

Mr Hambly explained that the signage requirements, set within the Borough, were there for the protection of the public with regards to the ease of recognising private hire vehicles. It was confirmed that there were existing vehicles licensed by the authority that had been granted dispensation.

Mr McDonald, the applicant, was invited to address the committee to discuss the operation of his proposed executive hire business. The meeting briefly adjourned to allow members the opportunity to view his vehicle.

When all members had reconvened Mr Curtis, Head of Governance, reiterated the legal implications as stated in the report.

The committee discussed the matter in detail and following a show of hands RESOLVED to grant the request for dispensation from displaying private hire vehicle signage.

5. Request to Re-Designate Back St Annes Road West for the Purposes of Street Trading

Mr Hambly introduced a report detailing a request that had been received from the Friends of Back West Arts Trail, to consider a revision to the current Street Trading Policy to re-designate Back St Annes Road West as a consent street for the purposes of Street Trading. He informed members that since the publication of the agenda a risk assessment had been received from the Friends of Back West Arts Trail and that this had been forwarded to Lancashire County Council (LCC). No additional comments had been received from LCC in response to the additional information.

During the course of the introduction Mr Hambly reiterated that the matter for discussion was solely the request to re-designate the street as a consent street. Any details concerning possible trading activities would need to be dealt with at a later stage if the request was granted.

Following a detailed discussion Councillor Barker proposed, seconded by Councillor Andrews, that Back St Annes Road West be re-designated as a consent street. The proposal was lost.

Following a show of hands the committee RESOLVED not to re-designate Back St Annes Road West as a consent street for the purposes of Street Trading.

Information Items

The committee received the following information items:

6. Henry Street Working Group

Mr Hambly provided members with an update on the progress and actions to date on the work of the Working Group. He expressed his frustration that works to a nearby building had resulted in the taxi rank being dug up twice, preventing any enforcement action from taking place. Enforcement of the rank would now recommence and it was anticipated that the working group would meet again in the near future prior to a final report being presented to a future meeting of the committee.

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