



Minutes

Name of meeting	LICENSING AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE
Date and time	TUESDAY, 31 AUGUST 2010 COMMENCING AT 4.00 PM
Venue	COMMITTEE ROOM ONE, COUNTY HALL, NEWPORT, ISLE OF WIGHT
Present	Cllrs Susan Scoccia (Chairman), Jonathan Bacon, Paul Fuller, Heather Humby, Arthur Taylor, Jerry White, David Williams
Officers Present	Julie Martin, Justin Thorne, Kevin Winchcombe
Apologies	Cllrs Ivan Bulwer, Colin Richards

5. **Minutes**

RESOLVED :

THAT the Minutes of the meeting held on [2 June 2010](#) be confirmed.

6. **Declarations of Interest**

Councillor Paul Fuller declared a personal interest in Minute 7, as he knew one of the objectors and another was one of his constituents.

Councillor Susan Scoccia declared a personal interest in Minute 7, as she used a taxi firm on a regular basis.

7. **Report of the Head of Community Safety Service**

Licensing Fees and Charges

Members were reminded that at the meeting held on the 2 June 2010, the committee believed that the increase in zoo fees was too high and should be reviewed and brought back at a later date.

After considering the legislation in detail it appeared that the Council was able to set an administration fee and then reclaim the costs of inspections as and when they occurred rather than charge upfront on grant or renewal. Each zoo licence holder had been written to with information pertaining to them and asking for their comments. Only one response had been received which was subsequently dealt with.

Subsequent to the street trading fees being advertised one of the licence holders had contacted Environmental Health and a meeting was arranged. Subsequent to that meeting 6, 9 and 12 monthly street trading fees would be put in place, as at the present time there was only the facility for a 3 month licence.

After publicising taxi fares, the trade were given 28 days to response and 97 objections were received. Under S.70 of the legislation, the Council had to demonstrate that those representations had been considered.

A late letter of representation was circulated at the meeting whereupon there was an adjournment of a few minutes to enable members to read the letter.

Members were reminded that there had been a fare increase earlier in the year and it had been decided to review fare increases annually in November. It was confirmed that aspects of the increase would be included in the calculator when reviewing the current taxi fares.

It was anticipated that the fees would be in place by 17 September 2010 and it would be delegated to officers to advertise by that date.

RESOLVED:

THAT the fees and charges, as set out in Appendix 5 of the report, be approved and publicised in the local press detailing the date they will come into effect.

CHAIRMAN