

**Minutes of a meeting of Licensing Committee held on 8th
September 2009 from 6.30 pm to 7.25 p.m.**

Present: Chris Hersey (Chairman)
Gary Marsh (Vice-Chairman)

Mrs. Margaret Baker*	Mrs Kathleen Dumbovic	Graham Knight*
Clive Chapman	Bernard Gillbard	Mrs. Jane Keel
Andrew Brock*	Paddy Henry	Mrs. Jacqui Landriani
Ian Dixon*	Jim Joyce-Nelson*	Peter Reed
		Julian Thorpe

* Absent

**11. SUBSTITUTES AT MEETINGS OF COMMITTEE – COUNCIL PROCEDURE
RULE 4**

The Sub-Committee noted that no substitutes had been notified in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 4 – Substitutes at Meetings of Committees etc.

12. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Councillors Brock and Knight.

13. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

No Declarations of Interest were made.

14. MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 2nd July 2009 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

15. DRIVER APPLICATION POLICY CHANGE

The Committee considered a change in policy and conditions with regard to the application process to become a licensed Hackney Carriage or Private Hire driver by Mid Sussex District Council.

The Committee noted that advice had been received from the Border and Immigration Agency that there is a need for additional checks to be made on all applicants for Hackney Carriage and private Hire Drivers Licences on initial application and on the renewal of issued licences.

It was unanimously agreed to change the policy and conditions.

RESOLVED

That a change in policy and conditions be implemented.

16. DENTS AND SCRATCHES CONDITION

The Committee considered whether the currently suspended 'Dents and Scratches' condition attached to Hackney Carriage and Private Hire vehicle licences should be reinstated or removed indefinitely.

The Committee noted that, at their meeting held on 14th October 2008, they suspended the condition for a period of six months; following representation from the Taxi Association who said it would cause an undue financial burden to its members.

RESOLVED

That condition (a) on the "Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Vehicle Fitness Inspection Schedule" relating to exterior condition of vehicles and condition 16 of the Hackney Carriage Vehicle licence and condition 23 of the Private Hire Vehicle licence be suspended for a further six months.

17. MINUTES OF LIQUOR LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE

The Committee noted the Minutes of the meeting of the Liquor Licensing Sub-Committee 2 held on 2nd July 2009.

Chairman.