

NUNEATON AND BEDWORTH BOROUGH COUNCIL

LICENSING COMMITTEE

18th December 2024

A meeting of the Licensing Committee was held at the Town Hall, Nuneaton on Wednesday, 18 December 2024.

Present

Councillor K. Price (Chair)

Councillors: J. Gutteridge (Vice-Chair), E. Amaechi, M. Bird, B. Hughes, A. Khangura, B. Saru, T. Sheppard, M. Wright and B. Hancox (substitute for J. Bonner).

Apologies: Councillor J. Bonner.

PART I – PUBLIC BUSINESS

LIC11 **Minutes**

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on the 25th September 2024, be approved and signed by the Chair.

LIC12 **Declarations of Interest**

As Councillor B. Hancox was a substitute Councillor for this meeting, his Declarations of Interest were not detailed in the Schedule attached to the agenda. Councillor B. Hancox also declared he knew the representative present in relation to item LIC14, but confirmed he had not discussed this item with the representative.

RESOLVED that the Declarations of Interest are as set out in the Schedule attached to these minutes, with the addition of the Declarations of Interest for Councillor B. Hancox.

LIC13 **Exclusion of the Public and Press**

RESOLVED that under section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public and press be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following item, it being likely that there would be disclosure of exempt information of the description specified in paragraphs 1 and 2 of Part I of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972.

PART 2 – EXEMPT BUSINESS

LIC14 **Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Driver Complaint**

A report of the Assistant Director – Environment and Enforcement gave the Panel the opportunity to hear all the evidence, and to discuss and consider a complaint received in respect of a carriage/private hire driver.

RESOLVED that

- a) having heard all the evidence, the Licensing Committee have decided that Mrs G.N is a fit and proper person to hold a hackney carriage/private hire driver's licence; and
- b) Mrs G.N be advised that they should inform passengers prior to taking a fare if a card reader is not available and if cash is required.

LIC15 **Current Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Driver - Conviction**

A report of the Assistant Director – Environment and Enforcement gave the Panel the opportunity to hear all the evidence, and to discuss and consider a conviction received in respect of a carriage/private hire driver.

RESOLVED that

- a) having heard all the evidence, the Licensing Committee have decided that Mr P.K is a fit and proper person to hold a hackney carriage/private hire driver's licence;
- b) six penalty points be awarded to Mr P.K for failing to notify the Council in writing, within 7 days of his conviction; and
- c) Mr P.K be warned that he must ensure due process is followed in future and such incidents should not be repeated.

Chair

Licensing - Schedule of Declarations of Interests – 2024/2025

	Name of Councillor	Disclosable Pecuniary Interest	Other Personal Interest	Dispensation
	General dispensations granted to all members under s.33 of the Localism Act 2011			Granted to all members of the Council in the areas of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Housing matters - Statutory sick pay under Part XI of the Social Security Contributions and Benefits Act 1992 - An allowance, payment given to members - An indemnity given to members - Any ceremonial honour given to members - Setting council tax or a precept under the Local Government Finance Act 1992 - Planning and Licensing matters - Allotments - Local Enterprise Partnership
	E. Amaechi	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Employed NHS Wales Shared Services Partnership (NWSSP) - Ricky Global Consultants Ltd - Purple Dove Events Ltd - Director – Techealth Ltd 	The Labour Party (sponsorship) - Foundation Governor - Our Lady and St. Joseph Academy, Nuneaton. - Member of: - British Computer Society. - Igbo Community Coventry. - Mbaise Community, Coventry. Representative on the following Outside Bodies: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Committee of Management of Hartshill and Nuneaton Recreation Ground - EQuIP: Equality and Inclusion Partnership - West Midlands Combined Audit, Risk and Assurance Committee - Pride in Camp Hill (PinCH) 	
	M. Bird		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Life Member of National Association of British Market Authorities. - Member of the Stockingford Allotment association and Pavillion Club. 	
	J. Bonner	Employed by Etone College (Matrix Academy Trust) - Teacher	The Labour Party (sponsorship) Member of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Labour Party - National Education Union 	
	J. Clarke	- Employed by Marcus Jones	Nuneaton Conservative Association; Deputy Chairman	

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		- Warwickshire County Councillor	Officer of the Abbey Preceptory Masonic Buildings - Nuneaton	
	J. Gutteridge			
	B. Hughes	Full Time Carer	Member of the Labour Party. Member of the National Trust. Member of the Caravan and Motorhome Club Member of CAMRA Representative on the following Outside Bodies: - George Elliot Hospital NHS Foundation Trust Governors	
	A. Khangura	Self-Employed		
	K. Price	Warwickshire County Council	The Labour Party Unite the Union BASW Social Work England Registration	
	B. Saru	- Director – Saru Embroidery Ltd - Co-founder and Owner – Fish Tale Ale Beer	- Labour Party (sponsorship) - Chair of the British Gurkha Veterans Association Representative on the following Outside Bodies: - Armed Forces Covenant	
	T. Sheppard	Self Employed	Member of Unite the Union Member of Labour Party	
	M. Wright			