

**Taxi Liaison Group (TLG) meeting minutes**  
**Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2014, 11.00hrs**

**Brook Way Activity Centre, Bradley Stoke**

**Chair:** Councillor Shirley Potts (SP)

**Councillors:** Councillor Howard Gawler (HG), Councillor Keith Cranney (KC)

**SGC Licensing:** Kevin Barley (KB)

**South Gloucestershire Disability Equality Network:** Sue Liebow (SL)

**Hackney Carriage & Private Hire Service:** Paul Venn (PV), Sharon Shaw (SS), Steve Lambe (SLa), Pak Lee (PL), Geoffrey Wilkey (GW), Patryk Owczarzy (PO), Brian Maby (BM), Remy Domek (RD), Abis Karrar (AK)

**O and H Vehicle Conversions:** John Pay (JP)

**Apologies:** Mark Pullin (MP), Juan Sanzo (JS), William Sanzo (WS), Dave Blake (DB)

Item			Action
1	Welcome	<b>(SP)</b> welcomed everyone to the meeting at 11:10hrs	
2	Previous minutes and matters arising	Matters arising from previous minutes and subsequent actions were discussed. All agreed minutes and were signed off as a true and accurate reflection.  <b>(SS)</b> will e-mail <b>(KB)</b> details of company used for providing vehicle CCTV systems.	<b>SS</b>
3	Bus lanes and taxi ranks	<b>(KB)</b> read out an e-mail received from Richard Staton of Streetcare for the following which had been raised at previous meetings: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Junction of Filton Avenue/A4174 - line painting for the box markings given reference number and added to work schedule</li> <li>• Taxi rank, High Street, Chipping Sodbury - line painting given reference number and added to work schedule</li> <li>• Taxi rank, Moravian Road, Kingswood - line painting given reference number and added to work schedule</li> <li>• Taxi rank, Church Road, Filton - line</li> </ul>	

		<p>painting given reference number and added to work schedule. Signage to also be ordered</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Harry Stoke Road, Little Stoke – (KC) stated that signage agreed and now being enforced by the Police. (BM) stated that he will not pick up passengers on Harry Stoke Road and go round 2 miles by other routes to get to the A4174. (SP) suggested any persons (drivers) not happy with the traffic requirements in place to attend the next local SSCG meeting</li> </ul>	
4	Six monthly review for Hackney Carriage Table of Tariffs and Fares commencing 1 <sup>st</sup> October 2014	The proposal was a no increase in fares based on the six monthly review of fuel prices. <b>(KB)</b> confirmed that the one response received to the public consultation was considered at the Regulatory Committee meeting on 4 <sup>th</sup> September. The Committee determined no increase to the Table of Tariffs and Fares.	
5	Review of existing methodology used to determine Hackney Carriage Table of Tariffs and Fares	<p><b>(KB)</b> stated that this is a working item for the group and asked for any further thoughts or suggestions. <b>(BM)</b> stated he would like to see an annual review of all costs associated with vehicles, pay and cost of living. Further discussion between the Councillors and the group confirmed that all these factors were first discussed in 2008, before implementing the current methodology in 2010.</p> <p><b>(KB)</b> will continue to research and review other methodologies across the United Kingdom and intends to bring this item as part of the Taxi Policy review so that public consultation can take place.</p>	
6	Deregulation Bill update	<b>(KB)</b> gave an update on the current status of the Law Commission proposals in Parliament. The Bill is slowly going through and Clause 10 (enabling anyone to drive a private hire vehicle) was dropped on 14 <sup>th</sup> October. Clause 11 proposing to remove an annual licence and have standard 3 year licences continues to be debated in the Lords. Clause 12 proposes to enable PHV operators to subcontract a booking to another operator who is licensed in a different area, this also continues to be debated in the Lords.	

7	Taxi Policy review (2015-20)	<p><b>(KB)</b> stated that Chris Jones and the team had done a lot of research for the Taxi Policy and produced a draft policy to go before the Regulatory Committee on 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2015. The major points for discussion include wheelchair accessible vehicles (WAV's), disability awareness training, DBS checks through the Update Service and Hackney Carriage fares methodology.</p> <p>Following on from previous discussion at TLG meetings with 31 out of the 450 vehicles currently licensed it is the responsibility of all parties to ensure that more WAV's, particularly Hackney Carriages, are available in South Gloucestershire.</p> <p><b>(SL)</b> advised that members of South Gloucestershire Disability Equality Network (SGDEN) had arranged for OH Vehicle Conversions to demonstrate a WAV to the Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Service in the Centre car park.</p> <p><b>(KB)</b> re-iterated from previous TLG meetings that the implementation of a change in policy would have to be phased in over an agreed time with the Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Service. Full consultation would take place w-mailing and/or writing to all licence holders.</p> <p><b>(PO)</b> stated that the minimum price for a new vehicle is £30,000. This was questioned among the group and smaller WAV's are priced from around £17,000.</p> <p><b>(SS)</b> questioned the time factor, meter costs and running at a loss after purchasing two vehicles.</p> <p><b>(SL)</b> confirmed that it is normal practice of a 5 year lease for a converted vehicle.</p> <p><b>(PV)</b> raised a concern that used vehicles may not last long.</p>	
8	Taxi Licensing enforcement update	Intelligence led Section 50 inspections: <b>(KB)</b> confirmed that Licensing Officers continue to call vehicles in for S50 inspections from public intelligence and complaints, these are fully	

		documented.	
9	AOB	<p><b>(SS)</b> continues to see plates displayed in the front and rear windows of licensed vehicles. <b>(KB)</b> acknowledged this and each matter will be taken on its own merit and fully investigated if required.</p> <p><b>(SS)</b> raised concerns about the Broad Lane Testing Centre in regards no smoking signs, spare wheels and fire extinguishers. There appears to be inconsistencies when testing vehicles and can this be resolved? It was also stated that on an MOT that an advisory was made on a tyre that had 4mm of tread. <b>(KB)</b> stated that he would discuss with the Garage Management team.</p>	<b>KB</b>

**Next Meeting:** 10:30hrs, 28<sup>th</sup> January 2015 @ Bradley Stoke Jubilee Centre (The Oak Hall), Savages Wood Road, Bradley Stoke, BS32 8HL