

Appendix E

MINUTES OF THE EAST DEVON TAXI ASSOCIATION MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 28 JUNE 2022

PRESENT 16 members

Name Redacted (Chair)

Name Redacted (Secretary)

2 Names Redacted (Exmouth Town Council)

(Chair) welcomed all to the meeting and asked each to introduce themselves to the group.

It was noted that (Name Redacted) was not able to be with us as his wife is unwell. It was agreed that the Association would send her flowers to wish her well.

At the next meeting there will be a pro-forma for members to complete their details so that records can be brought up to date. (name, company, phone, email)

The minutes from the last meeting were discussed, particularly tariff's. Initially (Chair) wrote to (East Devon Licensing) asking for a 10% increase. Our intention was for 10% increase for each fare but this was misunderstood by the council due to the phrase "across the board"

(Chair) has followed this up by asking for a 15% increase per fare.

(Name redacted) read out some statistics relating to fares across the country. It is a mixed picture but it is clear that we need to improve our position to encourage new drivers, cope with the fuel increases and all round increased costs.

(Name redacted) proposed and it was carried unanimously that a 15% increase should be approved with the earliest implementation with further annual index linked increases. This proposal will be sent to (East Devon Licensing).

(Name redacted) suggested that the main Exmouth rank needs a sign and barrier to help organisation at busy times. Unfortunately (Chair) explained there is no funding in the licensing budget for this at present. He also pointed out that with a shortage of taxis, drivers, and more County work being undertaken, more people are pre-ordering their taxis as opposed to waiting for taxis on the rank.

CCTV was discussed and (Name redacted) said she would look into this.

(Name redacted) proposed and the meeting agreed that taxis should be allowed to be up to 6 years old with a maximum age of 12 years (continuous licensing). This to be put to (East Devon Licensing).

(Name redacted) proposed that a way needs to be sought to marry the Taxi MOT with the Government MOT to simplify the process and become more cost effective.

The meeting closed at 8.1pm.

Copies of the minutes will be sent by email to all members

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