

Hi Bob

Clydebank Taxi Operators Group held a meeting on Monday 28 March 2022 at Clydebank Community Sports Hub.

The meeting follows a previous meeting from 7 March 2022 in which members discussed a fare increase due to rising costs.

On the night members called for a second meeting on 28 March 2022 to debate a possible fare increase.

We debated fully what the implications of any increase could have on our trade.

Members had highlighted that our trade, revenue and workforce have declined as a direct result of the pandemic.

They had sighted a downturn in revenue, rising fuel costs, higher insurance premiums and increasing costs for parts and labour as ongoing concerns affecting our trade. We heard various proposals for a fare increase from several members.

Proposal 1 : Additional 30 pence increase in the flag fall from £3.00 to £3.30 over all 3 Tariffs.

Proposal 2 : Additional 20 pence increase in every running mile over all 3 Tariffs.

Proposal 3 : Additional 30 pence increase in the flag fall from £3.00 to £3.30 over all 3 Tariffs. Also, an additional 10p increase in every running mile over all 3 Tariffs.

1 and 3 both had support and seconded on the night. Proposal 2 had no support in the hall. Members then voted on proposal 1 and 3, by a show of hands, which resulted in a majority of 66% voting for proposal 3.

This motion was carried as the official proposal of Clydebank Taxi Operators Group.

Additional 30 pence increase in the flag fall from £3.00 to £3.30 over all 3 Tariffs. Also an additional 10p increase in every running mile over all 3 Tariffs.

We would also ask that on the current Tariff Three the wording (Between 10.00 pm and 6.00 am a 50p extra charge applies) be changed to (Between 9.00 pm and 6.00 am a 50p extra charge applies) to bring this in line with the 9.00 pm Tariff Two wording.

Members felt this was a mistake not highlighted on the 1 December 2021 chart and brought confusion for the public and drivers.

We would hope this proposal can come before the Licensing Committee at the earliest opportunity as a matter of urgency for our members.

Clydebank Taxi Operators Group, as representatives of the trade in our area, are reluctant to pass on increased costs to our passengers but feel in this difficult economic climate that we can no longer absorb these inflated costs.

We acknowledge that our trade had taken a small rise back in November 2021 for the first time in 3 years but would ask that the escalating fuel costs be taken into consideration as the committee reaches a decision.

Regards

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Secretary  
Clydebank Taxi Operators Group.