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Pwnc: Gwynedd Taxi Tariff

Good afternoon,

I have spoken to other taxi companies in the county including:

Adam Griffiths - Snowdonia Taxis
Mark Elderkin - Marks Cabs Bangor
Michael Elderkin - Tacsí Twix
Paul Roberts - PR Snowdonia Taxis
Malcolm Williams - M&R Private Hire
Alwyn Samuel - Penrhyn Taxis
Kevin Williams - KC/DC Cabs
Endaf Parry - Tacsí Endaf
Phil Hanks - Tacsí Phil
Brian O'Shaughnessy - Town Cabs

We all feel that we are due an increase in the taxi tariff for Gwynedd taxis. Previously we waited 8 years for an increase. Due to the cost of living crisis and the rise in the fuel costs we have no alternative but to ask for an increase now.

When the current tariff rate was set the UK minimum wage was £8.21 per hour. This has now increased to £9.50 per hour. The average cost of a litre of diesel was 127.86 in September 2019. The current price is £193.9 at Texaco in Caernarfon. Both these factors should be taken into account. The inflation rate over the last few months has also been over 5% each month with experts predicting an inflation rate of over 10% later this year.

I have also spoken to other taxi companies from other areas in the UK about the rate they can charge for vehicles which can carry more than 4 passengers. It seems that a few licencing authorities allow Hackney carriages to charge time and a half or time and a quarter for use of vehicles which carry more than 4 passengers but only when 5 passengers or more are carried. I would like Gwynedd to consider this for taxis in our county.

The cost of a quality second-hand car is around £10,000. This would be for a 6 year old car with round 50,000 miles on the clock. The cost of a quality 8 seater with similar age and milage would be upwards of £15,000. The miles per gallon of the car would be considerably more than the 8 seater. I currently have a Skoda Octavia 4 seater (Purchased for £9,000) which returns 65 miles per gallon. I also have a Ford Tourneo 8 seater wheelchair access vehicle (purchased for £35,000) which returns 29 miles per gallon. Meaning that the running costs for an 8 seater is considerably more than a standard 4 seater car. The current option of adding £0.40 per passenger after the first passenger is confusing for the customers as this gets added to the final price after stopping the meter at the end of the journey. I have attached a copy of the taxi tariff for Ceredigion showing how they charge for vehicles carrying 5-8 passengers. Their tariff has not yet been reviewed since 2018. Their initial hire is for 1/2 a mile unlike Gwynedd which is the 1st mile.

Soiling charge is currently set at £45.00. The cost of a full valet including professional carpet and seat cleaning would be in the region of £70.00. This does not take into consideration the loss of earnings for the driver for the remainder of the days work. The current soiling charge in Denbighshire and Conwy councils is £100.

We would like to propose the following rates for taxis licenced in Gwynedd

Tariff 1

All vehicles carrying up to 4 passengers

7.00am to 12.00midnight	First Mile	£4.00
	Per mile thereafter	£3.30

Tariff 2

All vehicles carrying up to 4 passengers

12.00 midnight to 7.00am	First Mile	£6.00
	Per mile thereafter	£4.95

Tariff 3

All vehicles carrying up to 4 passengers

Christmas Day and New Years Day	First Mile	£8.00
	Per Mile thereafter	£6.60

Tariff 2

All vehicles carrying 5 or more passengers

7.00am to 12.00 midnight	First Mile	£6.00
	Per Mile thereafter	£4.95

Tariff 3

All vehicles carrying 5 or more passengers

12.00 midnight to 7.00am	First Mile	£8.00
	Per Mile thereafter	£6.60

Tariff 4

All vehicles carrying 5 or more passengers

Christmas Day and New Years Day	First Mile	£12.00
	Per Mile thereafter	£9.90

Soiling Charge £100

The minibuses would only be charging the higher tariff when carrying more than 5 passengers.

We would be grateful if you could look at this with urgency.

Thanking you in anticipation.

Trevor Roberts
Trev's Taxis Ltd