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Pwnc: Increase Needed On Tacsı Fayres

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To. Tacsı Licensing Department

Re: Request to Review and Increase the Minimum Taxi Fare

I am writing to ask Gwynedd Council to review the current minimum taxi fare of £3.60, which has not been increased for approximately four years. During this period, the cost of operating a taxi has risen significantly, particularly due to increases in petrol prices, vehicle maintenance costs, insurance, and general living expenses.

One of the most significant pressures on taxi drivers is the rising cost of fuel. Over the past four years, petrol prices have fluctuated considerably and at times have reached well over £1.50 per litre, compared with around £1.20 per litre or less several years ago. Even with occasional reductions, the average fuel cost remains substantially higher than when the current minimum fare was set. As fuel is one of the largest operating costs for taxi drivers, this increase has had a direct impact on profitability.

In addition to fuel, other essential expenses have also risen. Insurance premiums for taxi drivers have increased, vehicle servicing and repair costs are higher, and the price of replacement parts and tyres has gone up. Drivers must also meet licensing requirements, vehicle inspections, and other regulatory costs. These unavoidable expenses continue to rise while the minimum fare has remained unchanged.

The current minimum fare of £3.60 no longer reflects the true cost of providing a taxi service. Short journeys in particular often do not adequately cover the driver's costs when fuel, vehicle wear, and time are taken into account. A modest increase in the minimum fare would help ensure that taxi services remain financially viable for drivers while still providing a reliable service for residents and visitors to Gwynedd.

Taxi services play an important role in the local transport network, particularly in rural areas where public transport options may be limited. Ensuring that taxi drivers can operate sustainably will help maintain this essential service for the community.

I would therefore respectfully ask Gwynedd Council to review the current tariff structure and consider increasing the minimum fare to better reflect current operating costs, particularly the increase in fuel prices over the past four years.

Thank you for taking the time to consider this request. I hope the council will recognise the financial pressures faced by taxi drivers and take appropriate action to support the sustainability of the local taxi trade.

Yours faithfully,

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