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**22/10/2018**

Dear Constituent

## **TAXI FARES**

Are you aware that Carmarthenshire County Council as the licencing authority sets and regulates the taxi fare prices that you pay? Based on the current scales of charges set by the authority the cost of a 7-mile taxi journey from Carmarthen back to this community is £16.20.

Yet, the advertised price for that same single taxi journey ranges from £21.00 to £26.00. Based on the authority's scale of charges I calculate that this cost increases to around £30.00 if your journey is on a Sunday, Public holiday or nightly after 10.00pm until 3.00am and £33.00 if you travel between 3.00am and 6.00am.

Taking a taxi journey on Christmas Day and New Year's Day doubles the cost to around £42.00 to £52.00.

As a Councillor of Llanddarog Community Council, I am looking into whether the charges set by the licensing authority are too high in the first instance and excessive when you consider the cost of travelling by taxi on Christmas Day or New Year's Day. Bear in mind these charges were established in May 2011. Any re-evaluation by the licensing authority at current day prices could significantly increase these charges.

There is also some anecdotal evidence that some taxi drivers charge above these prescribed levels of charge particularly during periods of inclement weather. The same anecdotal evidence suggests that this overcharging takes places over the Christmas and New Year periods.

To progress the issue on your behalf, I would be interested in knowing if this overcharging is taking place and if so, how much you are charged for your taxi journeys. If I can acquire this body of evidence then there will be a much stronger case to ask the the licensing authority to do something about it. The Community Council is very much interested in receiving this information from you.

What I would like to know is the date and time of day or night you travelled, where you travelled from to the area you travelled to and what you were charged for the journey.

**I am collating the information on behalf of the Community Council and you can forward the information to myself confidentially in person or, to [johncoch@btinternet.com](mailto:johncoch@btinternet.com) or by a text message on 07929 479567. In gathering this information, I will be doing so in compliance with Llanddarog Community Council's privacy policy which is available upon request or on the Community Council's website <http://llanddarogcommunitycouncil.co.uk/>**

I propose to run with this survey until the 31<sup>st</sup> January 2019. I will then be tabling my findings for the Community Council's consideration with a view to formally progressing any concerns raised with the licencing authority.

Thank you in anticipation for your co-operation in this matter.

John Williams - Councillor