

Minutes

Name of meeting LICENSING AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

Date and time MONDAY, 28 MARCH 2011 COMMENCING AT 4.00 PM

Venue COMMITTEE ROOM ONE, COUNTY HALL, NEWPORT, ISLE OF

WIGHT

Present Cllrs Susan Scoccia (Chairman), Jonathan Bacon, Paul Fuller,

Heather Humby, Colin Richards, Arthur Taylor, Jerry White,

David Williams

Officers Present Laura Gaudion, Sarah MacDonald, Julie Martin

Apologies Cllr Ivan Bulwer

12. Minutes

RESOLVED:

THAT the Minutes of the meeting held on <u>6 December 2010</u> be confirmed.

13. **Declarations of Interest**

Councillor Jerry White declared a personal interest in Minute 14, as he owned a pub.

Councillor David Williams declared a personal interest in Minute 14, as he was a member of the Hampshire Police Authority.

Councillor Paul Fuller declared a personal interest in Minute 14, as he was a member of Northwood Parish Council.

14. Report of the Head of Community Safety Service

Revised Statement of Licensing Policy

The Committee was advised that under Section 5 of the Licensing Act 2003, a local authority was required to determine its policy in respect of its licensing functions every three years.

Following consultation responses had been received from the Police and Town and Parish Councils.

There was some debate as to how vicinity was defined within paragraph 2.7 of the Licensing Policy. After some discussion it was decided that 'the vicinity of' be removed from paragraph 2.7.

Members believed that Temporary Event Notices could cause high levels of disturbance and that applicants should provide information to the local community. Members determined that a new paragraph 9.8 of the Licensing Policy should be inserted under the Prevention of Crime and Disorder heading as follows:

9.8 To ensure the proper scrutiny of Temporary Event Notices the Local Authority shall encourage persons giving notice of such events to provide additional information about the proposed event. The person giving the notice is encouraged to take reasonable steps to provide relevant information to residents and businesses likely to be affected by the event.

The first sentence of Paragraph 9.21 did not make sense in its current wording and should be altered to read:

9.21 This Licensing Authority will not impose conditions requiring children to be admitted to any premises.

Clarification was sought on paragraph 4.5. It was understood that where planning permission had been refused for a premises to be used, eg for a private members club, the Licensing Authority would not then grant a licence.

There was a typographical error in paragraph 6.9 – the addition of the word 'be' after 'will' and before 'reviewed'.

Throughout the Policy 'the act' is referred to with a lowercase a, it should be a read 'The Act' with a capital A.

RESOLVED:

THAT the revised Statement of Licensing Policy be recommended for adoption to Full Council with the following changes:

- (i) 'The vicinity of' be removed from paragraph 2.7.
- (ii) Paragraph 6.9 the addition of the word be after 'will' and before 'reviewed'.
- (iii) Paragraph 9.8 To ensure the proper scrutiny of Temporary Event Notices the Local Authority shall encourage persons giving notice of such events to provide additional information about the proposed event. The person giving the notice is encouraged to take reasonable steps to provide relevant information to residents and businesses likely to be affected by the event.
- (iv) Paragraph 9.21 This Licensing Authority will not impose conditions requiring children to be admitted to any premises.

(v) The Act be changed from lowercase to a capital through the Policy.

CHAIRMAN