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Minutes

Name of meeting REGULATORY COMMITTEE

Date and time MONDAY, 14 JANUARY 2013 COMMENCING AT 10.00AM

Venue COUNCIL CHAMBER, COUNTY HALL, NEWPORT, ISLE OF

WIGHT

Present Cllrs Richard Hollis (Chairman), Reg Barry, George Cameron,

Paul Fuller, John Hobart, Susan Scoccia, Arthur Taylor,

Margaret Webster, David Williams

Officers Present Marie Bartlett, Amanda Gregory, Claire Thomas, Justin Thorne,

Charlotte Whitewood, Kevin Winchcombe, Sarah MacDonald

12. Minutes

RESOLVED:

THAT the Minutes of the meeting held on <u>10 December 2012</u> be confirmed.

13. **Declarations of Interest**

Councillors Reg Barry, George Cameron, John Hobart, Richard Hollis, Susan Scoccia, Arthur Taylor, Margaret Webster and David Williams declared personal interests in minute 14, as they knew Mr Gerard White.

Councillor Paul Fuller declared a personal interest in minute 14, as he knew Mr Gerard White as a friend and local councillor. He was not present during the discussion or voting thereon.

14. Report of the Head of Regulatory Services

Application for the Review of a Premises Licence for Stag Inn, 45 Sandown Road, Lake, Isle of Wight.

Mr Wilcox, The legal advisor to Mr White, asked questions with regard to members' declarations of interests, as Mr White had been an Isle of Wight Councillor since 2009 and was known to all members of the Committee. Mr Wilcox was concerned that his client get a fair hearing

The Committee adjourned to enable them to obtain advice from their legal advisor as to whether to proceed with the hearing.

RESOLVED:

THAT Members believed that they did not have a conflict of interest on the matter beyond that which they had already declared. However, having received representations members were concerned that a reasonable and fair minded observer may doubt that they could approach the matter in a fair manner. It was pure perception, and not actual, bias that was the reason for members' concern. On that basis alone members agreed that the matter be referred to another properly convened Licensing Committee.

Public Participants: Mr Jerome Wilcox – acting on behalf of Premises Licence

Holder

Mr Gerrard White - Licence Holder and Designated

premises Supervisor

Sergeant Mark Voller – Hampshire Constabulary

CHAIRMAN