

LICENSING COMMITTEE

DRAFT MINUTES OF THE LICENSING COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 8 SEPTEMBER 2014 AT KENNET ROOM - COUNTY HALL, TROWBRIDGE BA14 8JN.

Present:

Cllr Desna Allen (Vice Chairman), Cllr Allison Bucknell, Cllr Trevor Carbin (Substitute), Cllr Sue Evans, Cllr Jose Green, Cllr Mike Hewitt, Cllr George Jeans, Cllr Pip Ridout (Chairman) and Cllr Nick Watts

Also Present:

Naji Darwish (Head of Service – Public Protection), Linda Holland (Public Protection Team Leader), Cllr Peter Hutton (Portfolio Holder), Lisa Pullin (Democratic Services Officer), and Paul Taylor (Senior Solicitor)

34 Apologies and Substitutions

Apologies were received from Councillors Blakemore, Drewett, Jacobs and Randall. Councillor Carbin was substituting for Councillor Blakemore. Apologies were also received from Tracy Daszkiewicz (Public Health Consultant).

35 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 2 June 2014 were presented to the Committee. It was noted that Councillor Desna Allen had been omitted from the list of those in attendance.

Resolved:

That the minutes of the meeting of the Licensing Committee held on 2 June 2014 be approved and signed as a correct record subject to the inclusion of Councillor Desna Allen being added to the list of those in attendance.

36 Chairman's Announcements

The Chairman reported the following:

One Zone One Tariff Consultation

At the Licensing Committee's meeting in September 2013 it was agreed to consult with the Hackney Vehicle and Private Hire trade on a proposal to introduce One Zone and One Tariff for Wiltshire Council's administrative area.

The Council has carried out the relevant consultation throughout the summer 2014 period and Officers are currently analysing the feedback received and will report to the committee at their meeting on 8 December.

Womad 2014

Wiltshire's largest festival took place from 24 to 27 July 2014 and organisers announced a record attendance of over 35,000. The hot humid conditions caused some concerns with extra water provision being quickly installed and by the end of the second day most of the medical concerns related to sunstroke, insect bites and stings.

Public Protection teams had a number of officers on site during the festival carrying out safety checks, licensing compliance, food hygiene inspections, checking emergency planning and late night noise monitoring. Initial findings indicate a few minor issues that were addressed quickly by the organisers.

A de-brief meeting involving all the agencies would take place shortly.

Cumulative Impact Zone – Salisbury

Naji Darwish updated the Committee informing them that the consultation is still underway. He had attended a meeting of the Salisbury Area Board where there was a lively discussion between the trade and residents of Salisbury on the issues. There would be further consultation taking place to enable a report to be prepared for the committee on 8 December 2014.

Legislation update/Training session

It was proposed that an update session would be held following the December meeting when a working lunch would be provided. All substitute members of the Licensing Committee would also be invited to attend.

37 **Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

38 **Public Participation**

No questions had been submitted prior to the meeting and there were no members of the public present at the meeting.

39 **Minutes of the Licensing Sub-Committees**

The draft Minutes of a Licensing Sub Committee held on 20 May 2014 were presented for consideration.

Resolved:

To approve the minutes of the Western Area Licensing Sub Committee meeting held on 20 May 2014 - Application by Marston's Plc for a Premises Licence at Land North of Cranesbill Road, Melksham.

40 **Statement of Licensing Policy**

Linda Holland (Public Protection Team Leader) presented a report which gave details of the consultation results following the public consultation on the draft Licensing Policy for Wiltshire.

Councillor Hutton (Portfolio Holder) wished for the Committee to acknowledge the officer time spent on this preparation and emphasised the continued engagement with the licensees and all those involved.

Councillors raised a few minor questions about specific issues and it was agreed that the policy was well laid out in plain English and covered all aspects required. Officers were thanked for their work in producing this draft Policy.

One minor amendment to make was the date of the life of the Policy – it should read 2014 to 2019.

Resolved:

That the Licensing Committee commends the Statement of Licensing Policy as attached to the report and recommend its approval by full Council at its meeting on 21 October 2014.

41 **Dates of Future Committee Meetings**

Members noted the dates of future meetings of the Licensing Committee as detailed below, all to start at 10.30am:

Monday 8 December 2014 – Kennet Room
Monday 2 February 2015 – West Wilts Room
Monday 27 April 2015 – West Wilts Room
Monday 1 June 2015 – Venue tbc.

42 **Urgent Items**

There were no urgent items.

(Duration of meeting: 10.30am to 10.55am)

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