

THESE MINUTES WILL BE PRESENTED TO THE NEXT LICENSING COMMITTEE ON 23 NOVEMBER 2006 FOR APPROVAL AS A CORRECT RECORD.

West Wiltshire District Council

Minutes

Minutes of the: Licensing Committee

Held on: Thursday 26 October 2006

Held in: Council Chamber, Bradley Road, Trowbridge

Present:

Councillors: Brice (Chair), Burnan OBE, Carbin, Manasseh, Oakman, Phillips and Repton.

Officers: Principal Environmental Health Officer (CH), and Member Support Officer (PS)

25. Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs J Clegg, M Clegg, Cunliffe-Jones, March and Mudge.

26. Minutes of Previous Meetings

The minutes of the meeting held on 21 September 2006 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

27. Declarations of Interest

The following interests were declared:

Councillor	Reason
Brice	Son provides software for gaming machines
Manasseh	Knows machine suppliers

28. Announcements from the Chairman

There were no announcements.

29. The Gambling Act 2005 - Draft Statement of Principles – Final Draft

Principal Environmental Health Officer, Clive Harland, presented a report which was an update on the progress made towards the implementation of the Gambling Act 2005. He explained that the date for implementation had now been put back by 3 months but the transition period had been cut by 3 months therefore the Act would still come into force in September 2007 as planned.

This Licensing Committee was asked to consider the final draft Statement of Principles, taking account of the comments made in the second round of consultation, and make any changes they considered necessary.

Principal Environmental Health Officer advised the committee that most of the comments received were of a general nature but specific proposals from Cllr Carbin had been incorporated into the final draft report.

A discussion ensued and the following points were made and questions asked by members of the committee:

- Were there exemptions from the Act
- Can the committee ban machines if they are found to be a source of public nuisance.
- There was some concern about machines that are at present placed in fast food outlets and other locations other than public houses.

Following the discussion the following amendment to the report was put forward:

Part A, section 5.3 second sentence to read 'This authority will not however generally view these bodies as interested parties unless they can demonstrate they have been requested ~~by a member~~ **by one of their members** who can be classed as an interested person under the terms of the Gambling Act 2005 i.e. lives sufficiently close to the premises to be likely to be affected by the activities being applied for.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Licensing Committee approves the final draft statement and recommends it to Council subject to the amendment noted above.

(7.04pm – 7.40pm)

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