

THESE MINUTES WILL BE PRESENTED TO THE NEXT LICENSING COMMITTEE ON 21 SEPTEMBER 2006 FOR APPROVAL AS A CORRECT RECORD.

West Wiltshire District Council

Minutes

Minutes of the: Licensing Committee

Held on: Wednesday 27 July 2006

Held in: Council Chamber, Bradley Road, Trowbridge

Present:

Councillors: Brice, Burnan OBE, Carbin, Cox (part), Cunliffe-Jones (part), Davis, Manasseh, March, Phillips OBE, and Repton

Officers: Principal Environmental Health Officer (CH), Licensing Officer (JQ), Member Support Officer (PS) and Democratic Support Officer (KF)

13. Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Mudge, Oakman and Osborn.

14. Minutes of Previous Meetings

The minutes of meetings held on 27 April and 10 May 2006 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

15. Declarations of Interest

Cllr Eli Manasseh expressed an interest with relation to his membership of Westbury United Football Club and other football related interests.

Cllr Bob Brice advised Committee that his son produces software for gambling machines.

16. Announcements from the Chairman

The Chairman advised the Committee of the events of the 27 July Trowbridge Area Seminar which he had attended where the topic of drinking of alcohol in the centre of Trowbridge had been discussed.

The licensing of Trowbridge Park had been discussed with reference to the current issues with anti-social behaviour and drinking in the town.

The Committee expressed concern over the recent events related to the Park and other parts of the District where anti-social drinking is becoming an issue.

17. The Gambling Act 2005 Draft Statement of Principles – Second draft for public consultation

To agree a second draft of The Gambling Act 2005 – Draft Statement of Principles before going out to public consultation.

The Gambling Act 2005 is due to come into force on 1 September 2007. It will repeal the Betting, Gaming and Lotteries Act 1963; the Gaming Act 1968 and the Lotteries and Amusements Act 1976. The purpose of the Act is to modernise gambling legislation, consolidating the existing three Acts into a single Act.

RESOLVED

The Committee approved the proposed draft Statement of Principles with amended dates for the second consultation and correction of grammatical and typographical errors on pages 3 and 16 respectively.

18. Licensing Act 2003 Authorisation of Officers

To delegate powers of the Licensing Committee to the Environmental Health Manager to facilitate day to day operation of the licensing function.

The Licensing Act 2003 established the West Wiltshire District Council as the Licensing Authority for the purpose of the 2003 Act. The Legislation required the Council to set up a Licensing Committee to exercise the licensing functions of the Authority.

RESOLVED

The Committee resolved to delegate all functions of the Licensing Act 2003 to the Environmental Health Manager, with the exception of those matters (set out in Appendix A) that are prohibited by the Act.

19. Application for Hackney Carriage Drivers Licence

To consider an application for a Hackney Carriage Drivers Licence from a member of staff, Tony Carroll.

Applications for Hackney Carriage drivers licences are normally determined by officers in accordance with the Council's constitution and scheme of delegation.

In the case of application by officers of West Wiltshire District Council the constitution requires that all applications are considered and determined by the Licensing Committee.

RESOLVED

The Committee resolved to approve the application by Tony Carroll for a Hackney Carriage Drivers Licence.

Note

The Committee decided that Agenda items 8. Exclusion of Press & Public and 9. Application for a Hackney Carriage Licence – Part 2 could be dropped from the agenda as there were no press or members of the public in the Council Chamber, therefore the application was dealt with in open session.

(7.05pm – 7.53pm)

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