

LICENSING COMMITTEE

Minutes of the meeting held on 26 June 2014 commencing at 6.00 pm

Present: Cllr. Mrs. Morris (Chairman)

Cllr. Clark (Vice Chairman)

Cllrs. Abraham, Bosley, Mrs. George, Mrs. Parkin and Pett

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs. Ayres, Mrs. Ayres, Orridge, Raikes and Walshe

Cllr. Fittock was also present.

1. Minutes

Resolved: that the minutes of the meeting of the Licensing Committee held on 18 March 2014 and of the Sub-Committees held on 9 May 2014, 12 May 2014, 30 May 2013 and 4 June 2014 be approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

2. Declarations of interest

No additional declarations of interest were made.

3. Actions from the previous meeting

There were none.

4. Appointments to Licensing Hearing Sub Committees

The Committee considered a report setting out the proposed memberships for the Sub-Committees for Licensing Hearings. Members were advised that there was an error in Membership for Sub-Committee B and it should be Councillor Pett rather than Councillor Davison and that the recommendation should read paragraph 5 instead of 6.

Resolved: That the membership of the Licensing Sub-Committees, as set out in the report, subject to the amendment of Sub Committee B, be approved.

The Licensing Partnership Manager advised the new Member of the Committee that prior to sitting on a Sub-Committee training would be provided. She advised that all Members of the Committee were welcome to attend the training for a refresher. Members were also recommended to observe a sub-committee hearing prior to sitting on one.

5. Expedited/Summary Review Process And Recent Application

The Licensing Partnership Manager advised the Committee of the procedure for Expedited and Summary Review Applications and the recent application received. She

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advised that a Local Chief Officer of Police may apply for an expedited review of a premise where it was considered that the premises were associated with serious crime, serious disorder or both.

Initial hearings were usually held within 48 hours to consider whether it was necessary to take interim steps pending determination of the full review of the premises licence. Unless the interim steps were appealed those steps were in place for a 28 day period while a public consultation took place. If the steps were appealed then another hearing would be held. A consultation for 28 days would then take place again before the full review hearing.

In response to questions the Licensing Partnership Manager advised that after the full review hearing the Premises Licence Holder could appeal to the Magistrates courts within 21 days of the hearing if they were not in agreement with the conclusion of the full review hearing.

Resolved: That the report be noted.

6. Lullingstone Castle

The Licensing Partnership Manager informed Members of the recent horse trading issues surrounding Lullingstone Castle. She advised that it was not an event that action by the Licensing Authority could undertake as it was not a pre-arranged event. She advised that the Police had met with the Designated Premises Supervisor and Area Manager and plans have been discussed to move forward. A barrier would be installed to prevent access to the land of the pub and the sale of alcohol would stop if a similar incident were to happen again. The Police were reviewing appropriate responses as there were concerns it could cause highway problems again.

The Licensing Partnership Manager advised that the date of the horse trading changes every year and informed Members that she would contact the Police to see if they have received any intelligence for a confirmed date and would investigate the date the barrier would be installed by.

Action 1: For the Licensing Partnership Manager to contact the Police regarding dates for the next horse trading day and to investigate the date the barrier would be installed.

THE MEETING WAS CONCLUDED AT 6.30 PM

CHAIRMAN