

EAST DORSET DISTRICT COUNCIL

LICENSING COMMITTEE

Minutes of the Meeting held on 27th October, 2009 at 10.00 a.m.

Present:-

Councillor P. W. Richardson - Chairman
Councillor Mrs J. M. Hazel - Vice-Chairman

Present: Councillors Mrs L. M. Dedman, R. C. Dudman, J. E. Little, D. Morgan and N. Smith.

310. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors M. C. Birr, A. A. J. Clarke, Mrs A. Holland, Mrs M. B. Osner and D. G. L. Packer.

311. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest made on this occasion.

312. Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting held on 23rd June, 2009 were confirmed and signed as a correct record.

313. Presentations by the Public

There were no questions, petitions or deputations received on this occasion.

RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL

314. Gambling Act 2005 - Statutory Review of Policy - End of Consultation Period

A report was submitted, a copy of which had been circulated to each Member and a copy of which appears as Appendix 'A' to these Minutes in the Minute Book.

The Licensing Manager reported the responses of the consultation on the Council's draft Gambling Act 2005 Policy.

Members were advised that only two responses had been received during the consultation period with both representations broadly supporting the revised policy.

The Committee noted the responses and supported the Council's revised policy required under the Gambling Act 2005.

RECOMMENDED that:

a) the draft policy be amended to include proposed changes underlined in Appendix '1';

b) the Full Council adopt the amended policy; and

- c) the policy be published in line with the law to come into effect on 31st January 2010.**

Voting: Unanimous

315. Responses to Consultation on Proposals to Revise Statement of Licensing Policy - Licensing Act 2003

A report was submitted, a copy of which had been circulated to each Member and a copy of which appears as Appendix 'B' to these Minutes in the Minute Book.

The Committee was requested to consider revising the Council's Statement of Licensing Policy in light of the comments received during the consultation.

The Licensing Manager presented the report advising the Committee of the proposed changes to the Council's Statement of Licensing Policy in relation to problem premises located in the district.

The Committee supported the proposed changes, noting that they presented both the licensees and responsible authorities with an opportunity to proactively resolve any issues before more formal action had to be taken to ensure the licensing objectives were being met.

RECOMMENDED that:

- a) the Full Council adopt the changes as detailed in Appendix '1'; and
b) the revised policy be published and re-circulated.**

Voting: Unanimous

DELEGATED BUSINESS

316. Government Responses to Licensing Committee - Monitoring Report 2008-09

A report was submitted, a copy of which had been circulated to each Member and a copy of which appears as Appendix 'C' to these Minutes in the Minute Book.

The Licensing Manager was requested to report the Government's responses to the Licensing Committee's agreed lobbying as part of the Monitoring Report 2008/09.

The Committee acknowledged the Government's response and resolved to strongly support and endorse the recommendations.

RESOLVED that:

- a) the Licensing Committee support the officers' definition of 'public nuisance', being one separate to any other legal definitions, but simply based on its 'dictionary meaning'; and
b) the Licensing Committee support the enforcing of Licence Conditions when licensable activities are authorised by both a Premise Licence and Temporary Event Notice.**

Voting: Unanimous

317. Ferndown Taxi Ranks - New Taxi Rank Procedure

A report was submitted, a copy of which had been circulated to each Member and a copy of which appears as Appendix 'D' to these Minutes in the Minute Book.

Members were requested to approve a new set of conditions to enable enforcement of a new 'feeder rank' system.

The Licensing Manager presented the report and informed the Committee that the County Council hoped to complete changes to the taxi ranks by the end of November 2009.

RESOLVED that the officers be authorised to amend the conditions of licence as detailed in paragraph 6.3 of the report, as soon as the Princes Road rank Order is implemented.

Voting: Unanimous

The meeting ended at 10.45 a.m.

CHAIRMAN