
LICENSING COMMITTEE

MINUTES of the Meeting held in the Council Chamber, Swale House, East Street, Sittingbourne on Friday 26th May 2006 from 7:00 pm to 7:16 pm.

PRESENT: Councillor Adrian Crowther (Chairman), Councillor Alan Wiilicombe (Vice-Chairman), Councillors Barnicott, Bobbin, Simon Clark, Sandra Garside, Brenda Hammond, Harrison, Anita Walker, Woodland and John Wright.

OFFICERS PRESENT: Mrs Potts and Mr Spiers.

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: Councillors Christine Coles and Martin Goodhew.

APOLOGIES: Councillors Chris Boden, Gerry Lewin and Prescott.

50 **MINUTES**

The Minutes of the Licensing Committee Meeting held on 18th July 2005 (Minute Nos. 161-164) and the Minutes of the Licensing Sub-Committee Meetings held on:

18th July 2005 (Minute Nos. 165 - 166)

26th July 2005 (Minute Nos. 197 - 199)

12th August 2005 (Minute Nos. 237 - 240)

19th August 2005 (Minute Nos. 248 - 250)

25th August 2005 (Minute Nos. 254 - 257)

2nd September 2005 (Minute Nos. 272 - 275)

9th September 2005 (Minute Nos. 302 - 303)

13th September 2005 (Minute Nos. 304 - 307)

15th September 2005 (Minute Nos.308 - 310)

23rd September 2005 (Minute Nos. 322 - 324)

10th November 2005 (Minute Nos. 461 - 463)

17th November 2005 (Minute Nos. 488 - 490)

9th December 2005 (Minute Nos.537 - 538)

27th January 2006 (Minute Nos. 677 - 679)

3rd March 2006 (Minute Nos. 784 - 788)

7th April 2006 (Minute Nos. 859 - 863)

27th April 2006 (Minute Nos. 897 - 899)

22nd May 2006 (Minute Nos. 22 - 24)

were taken as read, approved and signed by the Chairman as correct records.

51 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

No interests were declared.

PART B MINUTES FOR INFORMATION

52 **APPROVAL OF THE SWALE DRAFT GAMBLING ACT POLICY**

The Chairman introduced the report, which gave details of the requirements and recommendations for a draft of the Gambling Licensing Policy for consultation purposes.

In response to a question from a Member, the Licensing Officer explained that any enforcement action under the Gambling Act would be the responsibility of the Gambling Commission, although Swale Borough Council (SBC) might incur some small costs in this matter. The Council's role would mainly be the issuing of gaming machine permits.

Resolved:

(1) That the Draft Gambling Policy Statement be approved for consultation purposes.

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APPROVAL OF THE AMENDED SWALE LICENSING POLICY

The Chairman introduced the report, which detailed the requirements and recommendations for the revised Licensing Policy, which would then be used for consultation purposes. He explained that this revision was necessary, following legal action taken against Canterbury City Council.

Resolved:

(1) That the amended Swale Licensing Policy be approved for consultation purposes.

Chairman