
GENERAL LICENSING COMMITTEE

MINUTES of the Meeting held in the Council Chamber, Swale House, East Street, Sittingbourne, ME10 3HT on Thursday, 1 July 2021 from 7.00 pm - 7.13 pm.

PRESENT: Councillors Cameron Beart, Derek Carnell (Chairman), Richard Darby, Mike Dendor (Substitute for Councillor Mike Whiting), Simon Fowle (Substitute for Councillor Roger Clark), Tim Gibson, Peter Macdonald, Ben J Martin (Substitute for Councillor Eddie Thomas), Lee McCall and Tony Winckless (Vice-Chairman).

OFFICERS PRESENT: Philippa Davies, Della Fackrell, Robin Harris, Chris Hills, Charlotte Hudson and Kellie MacKenzie.

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE (REMOTELY): Councillors Steve Davey and Richard Palmer.

APOLOGIES: Councillors Roger Clark, Eddie Thomas and Mike Whiting.

127 EMERGENCY EVACUATION PROCEDURE

The Chairman ensured that those present were aware of the emergency evacuation procedure.

128 MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 21 January 2021 (Minute Nos. 415 – 422) and the Extraordinary Meeting held on 11 March 2021 (Minute Nos. 528 – 530) were taken as read, approved and signed by the Chairman as correct records.

The Minutes of the following Sub-Committees were accepted by the Chairman:

Licensing Sub-Committee 2 June 2021 (10 am) Minute Nos. 26 – 29
Licensing Sub-Committee 2 June 2021 (11.30 am) Minute Nos. 30 - 33
Licensing Sub-Committee 2 June 2021 (2 pm) Minute Nos. 34 - 37
Licensing Sub-Committee 2 June 2021 (3.30 pm) Minute Nos. 38 - 41

129 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No interests were declared.

Part B Minutes for Information

130 PUBLIC SESSION

No one had registered to speak in the Public Session.

131 REVIEW OF SCRAP METAL POLICY

The Licensing Officer introduced the report which provided information and guidance on a new draft Scrap Metal Dealers Licensing Policy which required Members' comments and approval, prior to formal public consultation. The Licensing Officer gave an overview of the report. The results of the consultation would be reported back to the General Licensing Committee on 9 September 2021.

Members were invited to ask questions and make comments.

A Member referred to paragraph 5.2 in the report, and suggested the Environment Agency be added to the list of consultees, and the Licensing Officer agreed to add them to the list.

A Member stressed the need for the Council to run a 'tight ship' in respect of a scrap metal policy.

Resolved:

(1) That the draft policy for consultation and Members' amendments be noted.

(2) That the consultation process as outlined be noted and officers be instructed to proceed with the same.

132 REVIEW OF SEX ESTABLISHMENTS POLICY

The Licensing Officer introduced the report which set out information and guidance on a new draft Sex Establishments and Sexual Entertainments policy, which required comments and approval from Members, prior to formal public consultation. The Licensing Officer gave an overview of the report. The results of the consultation would be reported back to the General Licensing Committee on 9 September 2021.

Members were invited to ask questions and make comments.

A Member referred to paragraph 2.3 in the report and said that he understood the sex establishment noted in the report was being sold as a going concern, and asked whether the establishment was actually closed? The Licensing Officer explained that the annual fee on the premises had not been paid, and so the licence was now in abeyance until it was repaid by any future licence holder, and then the licence would continue.

Resolved:

(1) That the draft policy for consultation and any amendments be noted.

(2) That the consultation process be noted and officers proceed with the same.

Chairman

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