

HUNTINGDONSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

MINUTES of the meeting of the LICENSING COMMITTEE held in the Council Chamber, Pathfinder House, St Mary's Street, Huntingdon PE29 3TN on Thursday, 20th October 2005.

PRESENT: Councillor J M Sadler – Chairman.
Councillors J T Bell, J D Fell,
Mrs K P Gregory, R Powell, R G Tuplin and
J S Watt.

APOLOGIES: Apologies for absence from the meeting were submitted on behalf of Councillors A Hansard, D Harty, I R Muir and J Taylor and Mrs M Wheeler.

12. MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 21st June 2005 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

13. MEMBERS' INTERESTS

No declarations were received.

14. LICENSING ACT 2003 – PROGRESS TOWARDS IMPLEMENTATION

The Committee received and noted a report by the Head of Administration (a copy of which is appended in the Minute Book) on progress to date with the implementation of the Licensing Act 2003 and the work still to be undertaken. Members were acquainted with the number of licences processed, the level of income received and the staffing implications, together with an assessment of the potential number of premises for which a licence had not yet been sought.

The Committee was also informed that with effect from 10th November 2005, the provisions of the Act relating to Temporary Events Notices would come into force and additional responsibilities would transfer to the Council concerning gaming machines in licensed premises. Finally, the Committee was informed of developments relating to an appeal by a licensee following a refusal by a sub-committee to grant a variation of a premises licence.

RESOLVED

that the contents of the report be noted.

Chairman