

HUNTINGDONSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

MINUTES of the meeting of the LICENSING COMMITTEE held in Meeting Rooms 0.1A and 0.1B, Pathfinder House, St Mary's Street, Huntingdon PE29 3TN on Tuesday, 21 June 2016.

PRESENT: Councillor R Fuller – Chairman.

Councillors Mrs B E Boddington,
Mrs S Conboy, J E Corley, J W Davies,
D R Underwood, D Watt and R J West.

APOLOGIES: Apologies for absence from the meeting were submitted on behalf of Councillors S J Criswell, Mrs S A Giles and Mrs J Tavener.

4. MINUTES

The Minutes of the meetings of the Licensing Committees held on 20th October 2015 and 18th May 2016 were approved as correct records and signed by the Chairman.

5. MEMBERS INTERESTS

No declarations were received.

6. LICENSING COMMITTEE

The Head of Community gave a brief verbal update on the remit of the Licensing Committee.

Members were advised that the Licensing Committee was a statutory committee formed under the provisions of the Licensing Act 2003 and the Gambling Act 2005. It has a Sub-Committee to which a number of decision making functions have been delegated, however the majority of matters considered by the Sub-Committee related to applications for new premises licenses where representations had been received. The Head of Community reiterated that decisions taken by the Licensing Sub-Committee were completely independent to any decisions made by the Council's Development Management Committee.

In response to a question from a Member of the Committee, the Head of Community explained that because the Licensing Sub-Committees are constituted under the 2003 Licensing Act, they are not subject to any political proportionality requirements.

7. SCHEME OF DELEGATION

With the assistance of a copy of the existing scheme of delegation to Officers (a copy of which is appended in the Minute Book) the Head of Community outlined his intention to present a revised scheme to the Licensing Committee at their meeting in July 2016 for approval.

Having noted that a number of existing officer delegations were based upon statute and in conjunction with the decision of the Licensing and Protection Committee at their earlier meeting, it was agreed that the Head of Community would circulate a revised version with tracked changes to Members of the Committee for their comments.

8. LICENSING SUB COMMITTEE

With the aid of a report by the Elections and Democratic Services Manager (a copy of which is appended in the Minute Book) the Panel noted details for the two meetings of the Licensing Sub-Committee, which had taken place since the last meeting of the Committee on 20th October 2015.

Chairman