
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE LICENSING (GENERAL PURPOSES)**SUB-COMMITTEE HELD ON 12 MAY 2014 AT 10.00 A.M.****IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, WEELEY**

Present: Councillors D C Skeels (Chairman), Fawcett (Vice-Chairman), Casey, De-Vaux Balbirnie, Mitchell, Powell, Pugh and Sambridge.

In Attendance: Environmental Services Manager (John Fox), Licensing Manager (Simon Harvey), Solicitor (Linda Trembath) and Democratic Services Officer (Michael Pingram).

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND SUBSTITUTIONS

There were no apologies for absence submitted.

2. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The minutes of the meeting of the Sub-Committee held on 27 February 2014 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were none.

4. HACKNEY CARRIAGE AND PRIVATE HIRE LICENCES

The Sub-Committee noted the contents of a report on the number of drivers, vehicles and operators licensed by the Council as at 25 April 2014, which was submitted for information only.

5. APPLICATION FOR THE RENEWAL OF A SEX ESTABLISHMENT LICENSE – ADULT CENTRE, 28 ORWELL ROAD, CLACTON-ON-SEA

The Sub-Committee considered an application from Miss Amanda Allen for the renewal of the Sex Establishment Licence held in respect of the above premises.

It was reported by the Licensing Manager that the applicant proposed that trading would continue to take place between 9.30 a.m. – 8.00 p.m. on Mondays to Saturdays and 10.00 a.m. - 4.00 p.m. on Sundays and the Sub-Committee was advised that the premises complied with the current conditions imposed, as set out in Appendix 'A' to item A.2 of the Report of the Corporate Director (Public Experience).

It was further reported that consultation papers had been sent to Essex Police and the local Ward Councillors. At the time of the meeting no comments, objections or observations had been received from either of the afore-mentioned sources. Residents in the neighbourhood considered likely to be affected by the application had been consulted and no objections had been received by the date of the meeting.

Members were informed that the application had been displayed on the premises in the prescribed manner and a public notice inserted in the local newspaper as required by statute.

The Sub-Committee had before it, as set out in Appendix 'B' to the afore-mentioned report, those grounds which were material to the determination of such an application as set out in the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1982.

The Sub-Committee was informed that the applicant was not present at the meeting. In answer to a question from the Committee as to the absence of the applicant, the Licensing Manager advised that the applicant had been advised that unless there were objections to the renewal or any other issues that Members may wish to discuss with her then she had been advised that her attendance at the meeting was not necessary. The Licensing Manager also advised that as far as he was aware there had been no problems with the premises, applicant or any employees that she may have and that the premises could be subject to inspection by the Council at any time. The Sub Committee noted and agreed with that approach.

It was moved by Councillor De-Vaux Balbirnie, seconded by Councillor Pugh and:-

RESOLVED that the afore-mentioned application for the renewal of a Sex Establishment Licence for one year be granted, subject to the conditions as set out in Appendix 'A' to item A.2 of the Report of the Corporate Director (Public Experience).

6. ANY OTHER ITEMS WHICH THE CHAIRMAN DECIDES ARE URGENT

There were none.

7. EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

It was moved, duly seconded and:

RESOLVED that under Schedule 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public be excluded from the meeting for the items of business to be considered below on the grounds that they involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 1 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act:

- (a) Exempt Minutes of the Last Meeting of the Sub-Committee held on 27 February 2014
- (b) Reports of Corporate Director (Public Experience)
 - B.1 - Appeal against rejection of a Scrap Metal Dealer's Site License Application
 - B.2 - Application for the Renewal of a Hackney Carriage Driver's License
 - B.3 - Review of a Hackney Carriage Driver's License/Renewal of a Hackney Carriage Driver's License

8. EXEMPT MINUTES

The Exempt Minutes of the meeting of the Sub-Committee held on 27 February 2014 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

Chairman