

MINUTES OF THE LICENSING COMMITTEE (2003 LICENSING ACT)
31 October 2006, 6pm start

Councillors: Beacham*, Bloch, Demirci, Dobbie*, Lister*, Mughal, Patel (Chair)*, Peacock (Vice-Chair)*, Reid*, and Vanier.

* denotes members present

LC22 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE (Agenda Item 1):

Apologies were received from Councillors Mughal, Bloch, Demirci, Vanier.

LC23 URGENT BUSINESS (Agenda Item 2):

Councillors Peacock, Patel and Reid were asked to consider a set of minutes from the Licensing Sub-Committee A on 8 August 2006 which have been requested by the Magistrates Court for an appeal against a decision of that Sub-Committee on which the three Members sat. The Chair agreed to consider this at Item 8 of the Agenda.

LC24 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Agenda Item 3):

No declarations of personal or prejudicial interests were declared.

LC25 MINUTES (Agenda Item 4):

RESOLVED:

That the Committee approved the minutes of the previous meetings of the Licensing Committee held on 05 September 2006 and that the Chair sign them.

LC26 LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP APPROVAL (Agenda Item 7):

The Committee Clerk, Nicolas Mattis, informed the Committee that due to a joint request made by Councillors Dobbie and Lister to swap their membership on their respective sub-committees as agreed by Full Council on 22 May 2006, Councillor Lister would now be a member of Licensing Sub-Committee B, and Councillor Dobbie on Licensing Sub-Committee C.

There were no other changes to the membership of the Licensing Committee and its sub-committees.

RESOLVED:

That members agreed to the change in members, so that the new compliment of sub-committee memberships was as follows:

Sub-Committee A:

Cllr Demirci - Bounds Green

Cllr Patel (Chair) – Woodside

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Cllr Vanier – Tottenham Green

Sub-Committee B:

Cllr Mughal – Noel Park

Cllr Peacock (Chair) – Northumberland Park

Cllr Lister – Tottenham Green

Sub-Committee C:

Cllr Beacham (Chair) – Alexandra

Cllr Reid – Hornsey

Cllr Dobbie – Noel Park

Unassigned:

Cllr Bloch – Muswell Hill

LC 27 LICENSING DECISIONS AND THE RELATIONSHIP TO TOWN PLANNING CONTROLS (Agenda Item 5):

The Committee was given background information about the report of the Monitoring Officer, presented by Terence Mitchison. He touched on the outcome of the consultation about the relationship between decisions under the Licensing Act 2003 and Town Planning Controls and recommended that the Committee agreed to amendments to the Statement of Licensing Policy to reflect this.

RESOLVED:

That the Committee agree to the recommendations as set out in the Monitoring Officer's Report, namely:

- (i) That Members note the outcome of the stakeholder consultation described in paragraphs 9.1 to 9.4 of the Report
- (ii) That Members approve the proposed amendments to paragraphs 8.1 and 8.2 of the Council's Statement of Licensing Policy.
- (iii) That Members request the General Purposes Committee to recommend to the full Council, the adoption of the amendments.

LC28 UPDATE FROM THE LEAD LICENSING OFFICER (Agenda Item 6):

The Lead Licensing Officer, Daliah Barrett, informed the Committee of the resolutions that had been made by the sub-committee over the previous period (since May 2006). She also gave details of the resolutions that had subsequently been appealed against and where making their way through the courts. Ms Barrett advised Committee Members of the importance of giving explicit reasons for their resolutions, particularly where they cut back on what is being applied for, or they outline that certain action needs to be taken by the licensee before the granted license can take affect.

Ms Barrett informed the Committee of the developments around the Gambling Act 2005, stating that the draft statement of gambling policy for the Authority

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was going through its consultative stages. The functionality of the statement will come to this Committee. There will be three Gambling objectives to contend with and Members will receive training as necessary. The Committee discussed the issues of fees which would be set by the Secretary of State. The Committee discussed some of the likely technicalities of the Act.

RESOLVED:

That the Committee notes the Lead Licensing Officer's Report.

LC30 ITEMS OF URGENT BUSINESS (Agenda Item 8)

Councillors Peacock, Reid and Patel, having read the set of minutes from the 8 August 2006, agreed to them as an accurate record of the proceedings, and Councillor Peacock signed in her capacity of Chair of that hearing.

The meeting ended at 18:35.

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Councillor JAYANTI PATEL
Chair of the Licensing Committee 2006/7

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