

LICENSING COMMITTEE

Minutes of the meeting held virtually on Wednesday 10th March 2021 via Microsoft Teams

Present: J Potts (Chair)
J R Anderson, G Clarkson, T P Eaton, K Greaves, S Isard, D R Pressley,
H Richards, N J Sanders J M Sanger and C Tindle.

Officers in attendance: L Dore, J Flynn, E Hinsley, W Nuttall, R Wilson and S Wormald.

(Meeting opened at 6.30pm).

The Chair welcomed all to the virtual Licensing Committee and explained that councils have been enabled to hold virtual meetings in order to allow business to be conducted while maintaining social distancing due to the outbreak of Covid-19. She then introduced Members and Officers by doing a roll call. The Chair outlined that in the event of the livestream failing or Members losing connection the meeting would be adjourned to allow the connection to be re-established. She reminded participants to take appropriate safety precautions from their place of livestreaming.

60. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor G Jones.

61. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST BY MEMBERS AND OFFICERS

(a) Members

There were no Declarations of Interest by Members.

(b) Officers

There were no Declarations of Interest by officers.

62. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 13TH JANUARY 2021

An error was noted where the Committee had been referred to as the Planning Committee rather than the Licensing Committee.

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting held on 13th January 2021 be approved subject to the agreed amendment.

63. MINUTES FOR ACTION

The Council Solicitor (CS) advised that he had been in contact with the Parks and Open Spaces Department with regards to a query about fishing permits. He was informed that the Council is responsible for three fishing lakes; Sandhill Lake, Langold Lake and Woodsetts Quarry Pond, with the Council licencing fishing to onsite groups. Officers do not directly enforce fishing permits as this is done through the licenced organisations at each site. At Sandhill Lake and Woodsetts Quarry Pond there are fishing bailiffs to ensure that everyone has a permit. The group at Langold was dissolved and the refreshment kiosk currently deals with fishing permits.

A Member asked whether there are any plans to allow fishing on the River Idle at Kings Park and if there are plans to enforce this if not.

The CS advised that he would contact the Parks and Open Spaces Department to find out.

RESOLVED that:

1. The Minutes for Action and updates be received;
2. The Council Solicitor to find out whether there are any plans to allow fishing on the River Idle at Kings Park and if there are plans to enforce this if not.

64. OUTSTANDING MINUTES LIST

In reference to Minute No. 31 Street Trading Review, this will be undertaken when the Principle Solicitor (Licensing and Regulatory) returns from maternity leave.

Minute No 58a Hackney Carriage Driver's Licence will be addressed at Agenda Item No. 6a.

RESOLVED that the Outstanding Minutes List and updates be received.

Key Decisions

None.

Other Decisions

None.

65. LOCAL GOVERNMENT (ACCESS TO INFORMATION) ACT 1985

RESOLVED that, in accordance with Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, and after considering the public interest test as set out by the officer in the body of the report, Members agreed that the following items of business involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 1 and therefore, in accordance with Section 100A of the Act, the press and public be excluded from the meeting:

Agenda Item No. 6a – Hackney Carriage / Private Hire Driver's Licence – Paragraph 1

Key Decisions

None.

Other Decisions

66. REPORT(S) OF THE PRINCIPAL SOLICITOR (LICENSING AND REGULATORY)

(a) **Hackney Carriage / Private Hire Driver's Licence**

Members were asked to consider and determine what action to take, if any, against a holder of a combined Hackney Carriage / Private Hire Driver's Licence. The applicant was unable to attend.

(The CS lost connection at 7: 38pm and re-joined the meeting at 7:50pm during discussion of this item).

RESOLVED that the Hackney Carriage/ Private Hire Driver's Licence be suspended for a period of three months.

67. ANY OTHER BUSINESS WHICH THE CHAIR CONSIDERS TO BE URGENT.

As there was no other urgent business to be discussed, the Chair closed the meeting.

(Meeting closed at 8:06pm)