



# Licensing Committee

## Minutes – 23 October 2013

### Attendance

#### Members of the Committee

Cllr Bishan Dass (chair)  
Cllr Ian Claymore  
Cllr Susan Constable  
Cllr Mark Evans  
Cllr Neville Patten  
Cllr John Rowley

Cllr Alan Bolshaw  
Cllr Craig Collingswood  
Cllr Keith Inston  
Cllr Patricia Patten  
Cllr Rita Potter

#### Employees

Sarah Hardwick	Senior Solicitor (Delivery)
Andy Jervis	Head of Regulatory Services (Education and Enterprise)
Colin Parr	Licensing Manager (Education and Enterprise)
Linda Banbury	Democratic Support Officer (Delivery)
Donna Cope	Licensing Officer (Education and Enterprise)

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## Part 1 – items open to the press and public

<i>Item No.</i>	<i>Title</i>	<i>Action</i>
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### BUSINESS ITEMS

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| -  | <b>Councillor Neil Clarke</b><br>Councillor Dass referred to the recent death of Councillor Neil Clarke, former Shadow Chair of the Licensing Committee. The Committee acknowledged that he would be sadly missed and placed on record their appreciation for his valued work as a Wolverhampton Councillor. They expressed sympathy for his family at this sad time and a period of silence was observed in his memory. | - |
| 1. | <b>Apologies for absence</b><br>There were no apologies for absence submitted.   | - |
| 2. | <b>Declarations of interest</b><br>No interests were declared.   | - |

3. **Minutes**

Resolved:

- (a) That the minutes of the meeting held on 25 September 2013 -  
be approved as a correct record.
- (b) That the minutes of the meetings of the Licensing  
Sub-Committee held on 11 October 2013 (x 2) be approved -  
as a correct record and adopted.

4. **Matters arising**

Scrap Metal Dealers Act 2013 – The Licensing Manager confirmed Colin Parr  
that an email had been sent to all Councillors providing a briefing  
note on the detail of the compliance and enforcement  
arrangements.

Licensing Act 2003 – Sub-Committee hearings (meeting 11 Linda  
October 2013) – The Chair drew attention to a recent premises Banbury  
licence variation application, for which the Premises Licence  
Holder's legal advisor had submitted a large amount of  
supplementary information during the week and on the day of the  
Sub-Committee meeting. This did not afford the parties, officers or  
Councillors sufficient time within which to read and digest the  
material. Correspondence to all parties advising of the  
arrangements for hearings would, in future, include a paragraph  
indicating that any documentation submitted after 6 working days  
before the hearing would only be considered at the Sub-  
Committee's discretion and that they could refuse to accept the  
additional documentation or may adjourn the hearing to a later  
date.

5. **Schedule of outstanding minutes**

A report was presented, which set out a schedule of outstanding  
minutes, together with an indication of when individual reports  
would be submitted for consideration.

Resolved:

That the report be received.

Linda  
Banbury

**DECISION ITEMS**

6. **Casino Premises Licence – Stage 2 Evaluation**

The Licensing Manager presented a report, which sought approval  
of the proposed membership for the Evaluation Panel established  
to assist with the consideration of applications at Stage 2 of the  
Casino Premises Licence application process.

Colin Parr/  
Ruth Taylor

Councillors, whilst acknowledging the necessity to comply with the legal obligations, expressed concern regarding the extensive financial implications attached to the lengthy processes involved in since Parliament had given the Council the right to grant a premises licence for a 'Small Casino' under the Gambling Act 2005.

Resolved:

That approval be given to the membership of the Evaluation Panel for consideration of applications at Stage 2 of the Casino Premises Licence application process, as detailed in section 3 of the report.

- **Festival of Light**

(In accordance with Section 100b(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the chair admitted this item as an urgent matter)

Councillor Bolshaw, Vice-Chair, drew attention to the Festival of Light, scheduled to run between 6.30 and 10pm on the evenings of 26 and 27 October. Unfortunately, the consents for the street traders in the city centre only permit them to trade until 6pm. However, several traders are interested in being part of the event.

Reference was also made to the Divali celebrations taking place that the weekend in Phoenix Park.

Resolved:

(a) That the street traders in the city be granted special permission to trade for the duration of the Festival of Light event on the evenings of 26 and 27 October 2013.

(b) That the Licensing Manager speak to the press office regarding communications for this event.

## **Part 2 – exempt items**

**Nil**