

BRIGHTON & HOVE CITY COUNCIL

LICENSING COMMITTEE 2003 (Licensing Act 2003 Functions)

3.30PM – 5 JANUARY 2006

**COMMITTEE ROOMS 2/3
BRIGHTON TOWN HALL**

MINUTES

Present: Councillor Lepper (Chair); Councillors Bennett, Mrs Cobb, Hyde (Deputy Chair), Meegan, Older, Paskins, Pennington (Deputy Chair), Pidgeon, Mrs Simson, G Theobald and Tonks.

Apologies: Councillor Turner

PART ONE

ACTION

1. PROCEDURAL BUSINESS

1A Declarations of Substitutes

1.1 Councillor Paskins attended as a substitute for Councillor Williams.

1B Declarations of Interest

1.2 There were none.

1C Exclusion of Press and Public

1.3 The Committee considered whether the press and public should be excluded from the meeting during the consideration of any items contained in the agenda, having regard to the nature of the business to be transacted and the nature of the proceedings and the likelihood as to whether, if members of the press and public were present, there would be disclosure to them of confidential or exempt information as defined in Section 100A(3) or 100 1 of the Local Government Act 1972.

1.4 **RESOLVED** - That the press and public not be excluded from the meeting during consideration of any items.

2. MINUTES

2.1 **RESOLVED** - That the minutes of the meeting held on 14 April 2005 be approved and signed by the Chair.

3. PUBLIC QUESTIONS

3.1 **RESOLVED** – There were none.

4. LICENSING ACT 2003: REVIEW OF TRANSITION

4.1 The Committee considered the report of the Assistant Director, Public Safety which reviewed transitional arrangements covering operational impact, licensing hearings, consultation with residents and integration with other corporate strategies (for copy see minute book).

4.2 Appended to the report were comments from a meeting held with the Kingscliffe Society and North Laine Community Association and a list of points arising from the Licensing Strategy Group.

4.3 The Head of Environmental Health and Licensing thanked Members for their commitment and support during the transitional period. The Chair also thanked all concerned, including members of the Kingscliffe Society and North Laine Community Association for their useful input.

4.4 Concern was expressed by Councillor Simson at a comment made by the Kingscliffe Society in the minutes of a meeting held on 2 December. The comment expressed the view that “..Councillors do not have the wherewithal to grasp situation”. Councillor Simson stressed that all the Licensing Committee councillors had received appropriate training.

4.5 The view was expressed that conditions should be displayed on the licensed premises as part of the Part B premises licence summary. This should be forwarded to the DCMS review of Licensing Guidance.

4.6 **RESOLVED** – (1) That officers schedule meetings in 2006/7 as follows:

- Licensing Committee (Licensing Act 2003 functions) for 3 or 4 predetermined dates
- Licensing Panels are convened ad hoc to meet demand and comply with timetables set down in the Act and Regulations.

(2) That the outcome of Department of Culture Media and Sport's review is awaited before changing current practice on advertising applications.

(3) That the following information in individual application reports

Tim Nichols

would assist decision making.

- Maps of premises to be attached to the reports on the Panel agendas. Maps to indicate where objectors live in relation to the premises.
- The operating schedule showing steps proposed to promote the four licensing objectives offered by applicants to be appended to the reports on the Panel agendas.

(4) That Members request a further report after DCMS has completed its review of Licensing Guidance.

5. GAMING AND GAMING MACHINES ON ALCOHOL LICENSED PREMISES

5.1 The Committee considered the report of the Director of the Environment, which explained that the Licensing Act 2003 now gave authorities additional responsibility of authorising amusement with prizes machines in alcohol licensed premises (for copy see minute book).

5.2 **RESOLVED** - That the report be noted.

6. ITEMS TO GO FORWARD TO COUNCIL

6.1 There were none.

The meeting concluded at 4.32 p.m.

Signed

Chair

Dated this

day of

2006