

LICENSING COMMITTEE

WEDNESDAY 29 MAY 2013 AT 3.06 pm

PRESENT: Councillors Allison, Bell, Cape, Craig, Ms Franklin, Layden, Morton, Mrs Parsons, Scarborough, Stothard (as substitute for Councillor Mrs Stevenson), Mrs Vasey and Mrs Warwick.

OFFICERS: Assistant Solicitor
Licensing Officer x2

LC.12/13 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

An apology for absence was submitted on behalf of Councillor Mrs Stevenson.

LC.13/13 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest affecting the business to be transacted at the meeting.

LC.14/13 UPDATE ON LICENSING ACT 2003

The Licensing Officer presented report GD.31/13 giving Members an update on the applications under the Licensing Act 2003.

The Licensing Officer reported on the licence figures as 17 May 2013. He reported that all fees under the Licensing Act were fixed by Central Government and would be reviewed to ensure that Licensing Authorities recovered the full cost of administering the licensing function.

He added that the Government were considering reducing the burden on premises who wished to carry out Regulated Entertainment. This could include an increase in the minimum number of participants to 500 before the activity was required to be licensed. Further information would be reported to the Committee as it became available.

RESOLVED – That Report GD.31/13 be noted.

LC.16/13 GAMBLING ACT 2005 –UPDATE

The Licensing Officer presented report GD.31/13 giving Members an update on applications made under the Gambling Act 2005.

The Licensing Officer highlighted the licence figures as at 17 May 2013.

He reported that officers continued to visit local gambling premises to meet managers and answer any queries under the legislation. The Licensing team were also carrying out inspections, with the Compliance Manager from the Gambling Commissions.

RESOLVED – That Report GD.31/13 be noted.

(The meeting ended at 3.10pm)