

## **LICENSING COMMITTEE**

**WEDNESDAY 23 MARCH 2011 AT 2.35**

PRESENT: Councillor Morton (Chairman), Bell, Cape, Mrs Farmer  
(as substitute for Cllr Tootle), Graham, Layden, Mrs  
Parsons, Mrs Robson, Scarborough, Stothard (as  
substitute for Cllr Hendry), Mrs Vasey and Mrs Warwick (as  
substitute for Cllr Wilson)

### **LC.06/11 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Hendry, Tootle and Wilson.

### **LC.07/11 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest submitted.

### **LC.08/11 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the meetings held on 5 January 2011 be agreed as a correct record of the meetings and signed by the Chairman.

### **LC.09/11 UPDATE ON LICENSING ACT 2003**

The Licensing Manager presented report GD.20/11 giving Members an update on the applications under the Licensing Act 2003.

The Licensing Manager reported on the licence figures as at 14 March 2011.

The Licensing Officer added that the Police reform and Social responsibility Bill was at the committee stage and feedback was expected in the near future.

The Licensing Manager informed the Panel that the fourth annual Best Bar None accreditations had been launched in January 2011 and multi agency assessors were visiting premises and finalists would be judged in April and the award ceremony in May 2011.

In response to Members questions the Licensing Manager explained the reasons why licences would be surrendered. He also explained that the Best Bar None scheme was voluntary for premises and he outlined how the scheme was advertised to premises.

RESOLVED – That Report GD.20/11 be noted.

**LC.10/11            GAMBLING ACT 2005 –UPDATE**

The Licensing Manager presented report GD.21/11 giving Members an update on applications made under the Gambling Act 2005.

The Licensing Manager highlighted the licence figures as at 14 March 2011.

The Licensing Manager stated that the transition period for gaming machine permits in non alcohol premises (section 34) lasted for three years or until their permit under the old legislation expired. The latest ones for the Authority expired on 31 August 2010 and all permits were now under the new legislation. Additional checks were being made to ensure that machine categories complied with the new legislation and the machines were removed after their expiry date.

As ongoing enforcement, officers were visiting local gambling premises to meet managers and answer any queries under the new legislation and were also carrying out inspections, many in conjunction with the regional Compliance Manager from the Gambling Commission.

RESOLVED – 1) That Report GD.21/11 be noted.

(the meeting ended at 2.38pm)