

SOUTH CAMBRIDGESHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Licensing Committee held on
Thursday, 3 March 2011 at 10.00 a.m.

PRESENT: Councillor Cicely Murfitt – Chairman
Councillor John F Williams – Vice-Chairman

Councillors: Richard Barrett Trisha Bear
Roger Hall Sally Hatton
Liz Heazell Janet Lockwood
Mervyn Loynes Raymond Matthews
David McCraith

Officers: Myles Bebbington Licensing Officer
Gary Duthie Senior Lawyer
Maggie Jennings Democratic Services Officer

Councillor Sue Ellington was also in attendance.

13. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Val Barrett, Nigel Cathcart and Charlie Nightingale.

14. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

15. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Chairman was authorised to sign minutes of the meeting held on 21 October 2010 as a correct record.

16. SEX ESTABLISHMENT LICENSING POLICY

The Licensing Officer informed the committee that Faith Groups had been removed from the list of consultees prior to commencement of the consultation process and that no representations had been received in respect of the draft policy.

As a result of the ensuing discussion, the Licensing Committee **AGREED** the following amendments to the policy:

- Para 15 to include the words *as defined by s17 of the Crime & Disorder Act 1998* **after** *Premises that are not sexual entertainment venues*
- Para 58 – replace *the Licensing Officer and Cambridgeshire Constabulary* **with** *South Cambridgeshire District Council's appointed officers.*

The Licensing Committee **RECOMMENDS** to the Environmental Services Portfolio Holder, the approval of the Licensing Policy as the recognised policy of South Cambridgeshire District Council in relation to Sex Establishments and Sex Entertainment Venues within the district, subject to the amendments stated above.

17. STREET TRADING POLICY

Prior to consideration of the item, the Licensing Officer informed the Licensing Committee that he recommended that the Environmental Health Enforcement Policy, attached as Appendix C to the policy be removed as it was currently under review. This would be replaced by a new heading (para 14) at the end of the current policy entitled 'Enforcement' and the insertion of the following paragraphs:

- 14.1 Prior to pursuing enforcement action the Licensing Department will have regard to the relevant Council Enforcement Policy in place and consult with any partners as deemed appropriate.
- 14.2 In pursuing the objectives in para 1.1, the Authority will operate a proportionate and reasonable enforcement regime.
- 14.3 The responsibility for the overall supervision of Street Trading Consent licensing lies with South Cambridgeshire District Council's appointed officers.

The Licensing Committee unanimously **AGREED** to the officer's recommendation.

As a result of additional discussion at the meeting, the Licensing Committee **AGREED** the following amendments to the policy:

- Para 5, 3rd bullet point, include *country or farmers markets*
- Para 9.8 – in the final sentence, remove the words *or for any other reason* and replace with a full stop after *offence* and a new sentence added to read *There may be other reasons for refusal*

The Licensing Committee **RECOMMENDS** to the Environmental Services Portfolio Holder, the Street Trading Policy, subject to the changes agreed above, as the formal statement of licensing policy for Street Trading Consents within the district of South Cambridgeshire District Council

The Meeting ended at 10.50 a.m.
