

MAIDSTONE BOROUGH COUNCIL

LICENSING COMMITTEE

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON
THURSDAY 22 MARCH 2012**

Present: Councillor Mrs Joy (Chairman), and
Councillors FitzGerald, Mrs Gibson, Mrs Grigg,
Mrs Hinder, Naghi, Parvin, Mrs Parvin and Warner

97. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

An apology for absence was received from Councillor Yates.

98. NOTIFICATION OF SUBSTITUTE MEMBERS

There were no Substitute Members.

99. NOTIFICATION OF VISITING MEMBERS

There were no Visiting Members.

100. DISCLOSURES BY MEMBERS AND OFFICERS

There were no disclosures by Members or Officers.

101. DISCLOSURES OF LOBBYING

There were no disclosures of lobbying.

102. EXEMPT ITEMS

RESOLVED: That the items on Part II of the Agenda be taken in public, but the content remain private.

103. MINUTES (PART I)

RESOLVED: That the Minutes (Part I) of the Meeting held on 19 January 2012 be taken as a correct record and signed.

104. HACKNEY CARRIAGE/PRIVATE HIRE ISSUES (IF ANY)

There were none.

105. APPLICATION FOR A SEXUAL ENTERTAINMENT VENUE LICENCE -
PLAYERS, 57 HIGH STREET, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME14 1SY

The Committee considered the report of the Head of Democratic Services regarding an application for a Sex Establishment Licence for a Sexual

Entertainment Venue under the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1982, Schedule 3 as amended by the Policing and Crime Act 2009.

The Head of Democratic Services went through each of the varied conditions in turn, explaining the reasons for the variations and responded to questions raised.

RESOLVED:

1. That the Council's Policy that each application for a sex establishment licence is considered on its individual merit is retained but that it is accepted that one sexual entertainment venue is the appropriate number of such establishments in the locality of the Lower High Street (both sides) between Mill Street and the bridge area (Bishops Way/Fairmeadow).
2. That the application for a sexual entertainment venue licence received from James Elliot Pemble for Players, 57 High Street, Maidstone be approved subject to the application of the standard conditions set out in the Sexual Establishments Policy as amended by the varied conditions set out below and the additional conditions as set out in the standard conditions for Security and CCTV:-
 2. The name of the person responsible for the management of the sex establishment being either the Licensee or a manager approved by the Council, shall be displayed within the sex establishment throughout the period during which he is responsible for its conduct.
 4. A notice showing the name of the person responsible for the management of the sex entertainment venue on that day to be displayed within the sex establishment throughout the period during which he is responsible for its conduct.
 14. The licence holder shall not display outside the premises, or on any advertising material, photographs or other images that indicate and suggest striptease or similar dancing takes place on the premises and which may be offensive. Any promotional advertising in respect of the premises must have prior approval of the licensing Authority before its display/distribution.
 20. All temporary dance booths or cubicles shall be covered by CCTV which will be monitored throughout all performances by an SIA registered member of staff.
 37. During any lap dancing performance, or private dance, performers may not:
 - Touch any customers with their fingers.
 - Perform within 6" from any part of a patron save that they are allowed to sit on the lap of a customer provided they sit with their backs to the customer.

- Climb onto furniture provided for patrons.
- Simulate sex acts.
- Use sex articles.

106. REPORTS AND DECISIONS - HACKNEY CARRIAGE AND PRIVATE HIRE ENFORCEMENT ISSUES

The Committee considered the report of the Head of Democratic Services regarding whether hackney carriage/private hire enforcement issue reports, hearings and subsequent decisions are dealt with in public or in the exempt part of the meeting (private).

RESOLVED: That the reports and the hearing on hackney carriage/private hire enforcement be considered in private but that the decision be made public after the individual has been informed and that this be reviewed annually.

107. MINUTES (PART II)

RESOLVED: That the Minutes (Part II) of the Meeting held on 19 January 2012 be approved as a correct record and signed.

108. DURATION OF MEETING

6.30 p.m. to 7.10 p.m.