

MAIDSTONE BOROUGH COUNCIL

LICENSING ACT 2003 COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 21 JUNE 2012

Present: Councillor Mrs Joy (Chairman), and
Councillors Barned, Mrs Gibson, Mrs Gooch,
Mrs Grigg, Mrs Hinder, B Mortimer, Naghi, Parvin,
Mrs Parvin and Yates

Also Present: Councillor Cuming

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies for absence.

2. NOTIFICATION OF SUBSTITUTE MEMBERS

There were no Substitute Members.

3. NOTIFICATION OF VISITING MEMBERS

Councillor Cuming was in attendance.

4. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN AND VICE CHAIRMAN

RESOLVED: That Councillors Mrs Hinder and Mrs Joy alternate the Chairmanship and Vice Chairmanship for the Municipal Year 2012/13 and that Mrs Joy be the Chairman for this first meeting.

5. DISCLOSURES BY MEMBERS AND OFFICERS

There were no disclosures by Members or Officers.

6. DISCLOSURES OF LOBBYING

There were no disclosures of lobbying.

7. EXEMPT ITEMS

RESOLVED: That the items on the Agenda be taken in public as proposed.

8. MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Meeting held on 22 March 2012 be approved as a correct record and signed.

9. APPOINTMENT OF POLITICAL GROUP SPOKESPERSONS

RESOLVED: That the Political Group Spokespersons be appointed as follows:-

Conservative – Councillor Parvin
Liberal Democrat – Councillor Mrs Joy
Independent – Councillor Mrs Gooch

10. LICENSING ACT 2003 SUB COMMITTEE MEETINGS

The Committee considered the report of the Head of Democratic Services regarding the Licensing Act 2003 Sub Committee appointment process.

RESOLVED:

1. That the current system for appointing the Sub Committee, as detailed in the report of the Head of Democratic Services, be retained.
2. That the current process of appointing the Chairman of the Sub Committee, by agreement of the majority of the 3 members present before the meeting starts, be retained.

11. LICENSING PARTNERSHIP ORAL UPDATE

The Interim Licensing Partnership Manager updated the Committee on the progress of the Licensing Partnership.

Income for the financial year 2011/12 was £25,000 over budget for Maidstone and £93,000 across the partnership.

Application levels – Temporary Event Notices (“TENs”) (which must be turned around within 3 working days) were 144 in April and 212 in May across the partnership. There have been 107 received so far for June. In April, Personal Licences – 20, Premises Licences – 6, 1 variation, 30 variations to DPS and 52 taxi applications.

The Committee were informed that due to the high volume, the partnership is struggling to meet the performance indicators, however, a member of staff in Maidstone has increased their hours by 17 per week to help the administrative team in Sevenoaks and a further new member of staff (20 hrs per week) is due to start in Sevenoaks to help with the backlog.

The Interim Licensing Partnership Manager informed the Committee that she will attend future meetings to report on any issues and the progress on the performance indicators. The whole of the Licensing Partnership officer team will be meeting in July.

RESOLVED: That the report be noted.

12. DURATION OF MEETING

7.36 p.m. to 7.50 p.m.