

BOURNEMOUTH, CHRISTCHURCH AND POOLE COUNCIL
LICENSING COMMITTEE

Minutes of the Meeting held on 19 May 2021 at 10.00 am

Present:-

Cllr J J Butt – Chairman

Cllr J Bagwell – Vice-Chairman

Present: Cllr S C Anderson, Cllr D Brown, Cllr R Burton, Cllr B Dion,
Cllr B Dove, Cllr G Farquhar, Cllr D A Flagg, Cllr T Johnson,
Cllr D Kelsey, Cllr L Williams and Cllr A Jones

1. Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors D Farr and N Decent.

2. Substitute Members

Notification was received from the nominated representative of the relevant Political Group Leader that Cllr A Jones would substitute for Cllr N Decent.

3. Election of Chairman

RESOLVED that Cllr J J Butt be elected Chairman of the Licensing Committee for the 2021/22 Municipal Year.

Voting: Unanimous

4. Election of Vice-Chairman

RESOLVED that Cllr J Bagwell be elected Vice Chairman of the Licensing Committee for the 2021/22 Municipal Year.

Voting: 8:5

5. Declarations of Interests

There were no declarations of interest on agenda items considered at this meeting.

6. Confirmation of Minutes

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Licensing Committees held on 20 April 2021 and 21 April 2021, and the minutes of the Licensing Sub Committees held on be confirmed as a correct record and signed.

7. Public Issues

The Chairman reported that a public statement had been received from Susan Stockwell, and read the following statement out to the Committee on Susan Stockwells behalf:

Statement submitted from Susan Stockwell

Could the legal identity of any application for a license of any sort for premises to BCP be included as well as evidence that the individual or company is legally able to control the premises, eg entry from the Land Registry, lease or commercial license. In the case of a company a named director should apply with an entry from Companies House. The identity could then be verified through eg passport, driving license etc in the usual way for anything involving property. The current practice of allowing trading names only to be stated is not satisfactory.

The Chairman thanked Susan Stockwell for her statement and advised that it would be forwarded to officers for a formal response to be prepared.

8. Harmonisation of Taxi and Private Hire Licensing Fees for BCP Council

The Licensing Manager presented a report, a copy of which had been circulated to each Member and a copy of which appears as Appendix 'A' to these Minutes in the Minute Book.

The Committee was reminded that on 4 March the Committee had agreed to a single set of fees for the provision of taxi and private hire functions.

In relation to this the Committee was informed that in accordance with the requirements of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 once agreed the fees are subject to a 28-day period of consultation and must be advertised in a local paper.

Further to this the Committee was advised that any objections to the fees received in the consultation period then these must then be discussed by the Licensing Committee and if appropriate any changes to the fees as proposed can be made. In respect of this the Committee was informed that one objection to the proposed fee variations had been received.

The Committee discussed the objection and felt that there were no new factors

RESOLVED that Members confirm agreement with the proposed taxi and private hire fees.

Voting: Unanimous

9. Sex Establishment Policy update

The Licensing Manager presented a report, a copy of which had been circulated to each Member and a copy of which appears as Appendix 'B' to these Minutes in the Minute Book.

The report provided the Committee with an update on the progress made to date and the proposed next steps in developing the new BCP Council Sex

Establishment Policy, that is required following local government reorganisation.

The Committee was advised that the working group had met to deal with the results of the public consultation which had been open for 4 weeks from 4 January to 1 February. Further to this the Committee was informed that there had been 206 responses to the survey.

The Chairman advised that the intention was to hold a full member briefing on this policy.

The Chairman took the committee through each amendment to the policy in detail and the committee agreed them in turn.

Further to this the Committee agreed that the policy would go out to further consultation and members were asked to advise democratic services if there were any questions they wished to propose to be part of the consultation exercise.

In addition the committee was advised that Licensing officers were consulting with those working in the industry as to their views.

RESOLVED that the amendments to the policy be incorporated as set out within the report and that the amended policy go out for further consultation.

Voting: Nem.Con. (2 Abstentions)

(Councillor G Farquhar requested that his abstention be recorded)
(Councillor D Brown left the room between 10.33am and 10.52am and therefore abstained from the vote thereon).

10. Licensing Sub Committees - trial of two reserve members

The Licensing Committee was asked to consider whether to continue with the use of a second reserve for Sub-Committees, as agreed by the Committee on a trial basis from December 2020 until May 2021.

In relation to this the Committee felt that the introduction of the extra reserve had been a valuable addition.

RESOLVED that the use of a second reserve for Sub-Committees be continued.

Voting: Unanimous

11. Committee's Forward Plan

Members considered the Committees Forward Plan for the forthcoming year.

The meeting ended at 11.00 am

CHAIRMAN