

At a meeting of the LICENSING COMMITTEE held in the CIVIC CENTRE on MONDAY, 18th APRIL, 2016 at 2.00 p.m.

Present:-

Councillor MacKnight in the Chair

Councillors Blackburn, Farthing, P. Gibson, Heron and Turner.

Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were submitted to the meeting on behalf of Councillors D. Dixon, Elliott, G. Galbraith, I. Galbraith, Howe and Waller

Minutes of the Last Meeting of the Committee held on 20th July, 2015

1. RESOLVED that the minutes of the last meeting of the Committee held on 20th July 2015 be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

Licensing Act 2003 – Withdrawal of Club Premises Certificate Due to Club Ceasing to be a Qualifying Club

The Executive Director of Commercial Development submitted a report (copy circulated) which requested Members consideration of whether Washington Masonic Club, which currently held a club premises certificate, continued to satisfy the conditions for being a qualifying club in relation to a qualifying club activity to which the certificate related.

(For copy report – see original minutes)

Mr Richard Reading, Trading Standards and Licensing Manager, advised that an invoice had been issued to the club requesting payment of the annual licence fee; this was returned unpaid. A letter was then sent to the club and the Club Secretary asking for confirmation of whether the club still met the criteria for being a qualifying club; no response had been received. An officer of the Council had also attended the premises and confirmed that the premises appeared to not be in operation as a qualifying club.

Members discussed the matter and Councillor P. Gibson moved that the Club Premises Certificate be withdrawn as the club had ceased being a qualifying club.

With all Members being in agreement it was:-

2. RESOLVED that the club premises certificate be withdrawn on the grounds that the club had ceased being a qualifying club.

(Signed) D. MACKNIGHT,
Chairman.