

At a Meeting of the LICENSING COMMITTEE held in the CIVIC CENTRE on MONDAY, 24TH NOVEMBER, 2008 at 2.00 p.m.

Present:-

Councillor A. Wilson in the Chair

Councillors Errington, P. Gibson, G. Hall, Paul Maddison, Old, D. Richardson, J. Walton and Whalen.

Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were submitted to the meeting on behalf of Councillors Francis, Gofton, Peter Maddison, T. Martin and J.B. Scott.

Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

Minutes of the last Ordinary Meeting of the Committee held on 26th November, 2007 and of the Extraordinary Meeting held on 4th August, 2008

1. RESOLVED that minutes of the last Ordinary Meeting of the Committee held on 26th November, 2007 and of the Extraordinary Meeting held on the 4th August, 2008 be confirmed and signed as correct records.

Licensing Appeal Decision – The London Inn (The Groove)

The City Solicitor submitted a report (copy circulated) which informed the Committee of the Appeal Decision of District Judge Elsey in Houghton-le-Spring Magistrates' Court on Friday, 7th November, 2008 with regard to the London Inn.

(For copy report – see original minutes).

Jim Wotherspoon, Solicitor, presented the report, advising that District Judge Elsey dismissed the Appeal of the London Inn and endorsed the decision of the Licensing Sub-Committee as being well reasoned. The London Inn would therefore have to close at midnight and be subject to the additional conditions imposed. The only change made was to the condition regarding the monitoring of the CCTV cameras, the wording being changed from “constant monitoring” to “regular monitoring”.

The District Judge also awarded the Licensing Authority its legal costs of £3,777.00 and the Police £3,000.00 for their Barrister's fees.

Members having welcomed the report, Councillor D. Richardson offered his congratulations to the Officers concerned and it was:-

2. RESOLVED that the report be received and noted.

(Signed) A. WILSON,
Chairman.