

At a meeting of the LICENSING COMMITTEE held in the CIVIC CENTRE on MONDAY, 22nd JUNE, 2015 at 2.00 p.m.

Present:-

Councillor MacKnight in the Chair

Councillors Blackburn, G. Galbraith, Gallagher, P. Gibson, Heron, Howe, Turner, D. Smith and Waller

Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were submitted to the meeting on behalf of Councillors Elliott and Farthing

Minutes of the Last Meeting of the Committee held on 28th April, 2014

Councillor MacKnight stated that she should be recorded as Chair in the attendances rather than Councillor A. Wilson.

1. RESOLVED that the minutes of the last meeting of the Committee held on 28th April 2014 be confirmed and signed as a correct record subject to the inclusion of the above amendment.

Gambling Act 2005 – Statement of Principles

The Executive Director of Commercial Development submitted a report (copy circulated) which briefed the Committee on the requirement to carry out a consultation exercise on the Council's draft Statement of Principles under the Gambling Act 2005.

(For copy report – see original minutes)

Ernie Humphrey, Senior Licensing Officer, presented the report and asked Members to note the content of the report and agree to the Licensing Section undertaking a consultation exercise on the Council's draft Statement of Principles under the Gambling Act 2005.

Councillor D. Smith commented that there was a large family friendly pub chain which had gambling machines next to the bar in an area which was easily accessible by children; he felt that there should be a requirement for machines to be segregated from areas where children were likely to be.

The Committee's solicitor Mr Wotherspoon advised that as part of the premises licence premises were permitted to have two gambling machines of a low pay-out category; there were no restrictions on where the machines could be placed.

2. RESOLVED that the report be noted and the Licensing Section be authorised to undertake a consultation exercise on the Council's draft Statement of Principles under the Gambling Act 2005.

(Signed) D. MACKNIGHT,
Chairman.