

**At a Meeting of the LICENSING COMMITTEE held in the CIVIC CENTRE on MONDAY, 7<sup>th</sup> September, 2009 at 2.00 p.m.**

**Present:-**

Councillor A. Wilson in the Chair

Councillors Errington, Francis, P. Gibson, Peter Maddison, D. Richardson, Trueman and J. Walton.

**Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were submitted to the meeting on behalf of Councillors Gofton, G. Hall, and Paul Maddison

**Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

**Minutes of the last Ordinary Meeting of the Committee held on 1<sup>st</sup> June, 2009**

1. RESOLVED that minutes of the last Ordinary Meeting of the Committee held on 29th June, 2009 be confirmed and signed as a correct record subject to an amendment to the last paragraph which should read "an application for a casino at what is now The Point".

**Amendments to the Licensing Act 2003 to Allow the Removal of the Requirement for a Designated Premises Supervisor and Personal Licence Holder at a Community Premises**

The Director of Community and Cultural Services submitted a report (copy circulated) which notified Members of the amendments made to the Licensing Act 2003, which would allow certain community, premises which have, or are applying for, a premises licence that authorises alcohol sales to apply to remove the mandatory conditions that requires a Designated Premises Supervisor or for alcohol sales to be authorised by a personal licence holder. Approval is sought for a letter to be sent to the operators of community premises in the Council's area advising them of the changes.

(For copy report – see original minutes)

Tom Terrett, Trading Standards & Licensing Manager, presented the report, explaining the amendments to the Act and the implications for the Council.

2. RESOLVED that the report be received and noted and the Licensing Department be given approval to send a letter to the operators of community premises in the Council's area advising them of the changes

### **Amendments to the Licensing Act 2003 to Allow Minor Variations in respect of Premises Licences and Club Premises Certificates**

The Director of Community and Cultural Services submitted a report (copy circulated) To notify Members of the amendments made to the Licensing Act 2003 with respect to minor variations of premises licences and club premises certificates and to request that the Director of Community and Cultural Services be given the delegated power to decide such applications.

(For copy report – see original minutes)

Tom Terrett, Trading Standards & Licensing Manager, presented the report. He advised the Committee that from 29 July 2009 amendments to the Licensing Act 2003 and the guidance issued under section 182 of the act allow premises licence holders and club premises certificate holders to make minor alterations to their licences without going to the expense and complication of a full variation application. The amendments will also allow community premises to sell alcohol without the mandatory requirement to have a Designated Premises Supervisor.

Councillor Francis queried the specific criteria for displaying a notice outside premises.

Mr. Terrett advised that the licensing authority must display a notice which is equal to or larger than A4 and in all cases prominently displayed at or on the premises to which the application relates where it can be conveniently read from the exterior of the premises and in the case of premises covering an area of more than 50 metres square along the external perimeter of the premises abutting any highway.

3. RESOLVED that the contents of the report be noted and the Committee agree to delegate to the Director of Community and Cultural Services the power to decide applications for minor variations of premises licences and club premises certificates.

The Chairman thanked everyone for their attendance and closed the meeting.

(Signed) A. Wilson,  
Chairman.