

LICENSING COMMITTEE

Wednesday, 7th March, 2012

Present:- Councillor Simon Tagg – in the Chair
Councillors B Welsh, J Cooper, T Hambleton, A Heames, R Slater,
A Wemyss and J Williams

5. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Cllr Mrs Williams and Cllr Mrs Simpson.

6. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

7. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

That the minutes of the previous meeting held on 29th November 2011 be agreed as a correct record.

8. MINUTES OF SUB COMMITTEE MEETINGS

That the minutes of the Sub-Committee meetings held on 21st December 2011, 26th January 2012 and 8th February 2012 be received.

9. APPLICATION FOR A PREMISES LICENCE TO BE GRANTED UNDER THE LICENSING ACT 2003

The Committee considered an application for a premises licence for Mow Cop Community Hall, Congleton Road, Mow Cop, Newcastle.

Having taken into account the Licensing Act 2003, the guidance issued under Section 182 of the Act, the Councils statement of Licensing Policy and also the fact that the Police had objected to the application pending the inclusion of specific conditions on the premise licence. The Committee resolved to grant the following:

Resolved: That the application be granted with the inclusion of the following conditions as specified by Staffordshire Police:

- All functions to be subject to a hire agreement and to be vetted by Committee members.
- Customer departure notices to:
 - (i) Be displayed at all exits to the premises in places where they can be seen and easily read by the public.
 - (ii) Require customers to leave the premises and the surrounding area quietly whether on foot or by motor vehicle.

(iii) Be maintained in good repair and condition and replaced when necessary to ensure that conditions 2(i) and 2(ii) are complied with.

10. SPECIAL SATURATION POLICY

A report was submitted for Members to consider whether the Special Saturation Policy that was agreed at the meeting held on 17 November 2010 was still required.

Staffordshire Police were in attendance at the meeting and provided a presentation to the Committee highlighting rates of crime and disorder and antisocial behaviour in the Borough and specifically in the area covered by the special saturation policy.

There are currently a number of licensed premises concentrated together in one area that together have a detrimental impact on levels of crime and disorder and public nuisance and in particular violent crime in the Town Centre. This being the case, the Council has previously satisfied itself that it is appropriate and necessary to include in the Licensing Policy a special saturation policy.

The Policy allowed the Council to refuse new licences whenever it received relevant representations about the cumulative impact on the licensing objectives which could be substantiated by evidence. Where such representations were received, applications for new premises licences or club premises certificates or variations that were likely to add to the existing cumulative impact would normally be refused unless it could be demonstrated that the operation of the premises involved would not add to the cumulative impact already being experienced.

RESOLVED: That the area covered by the Special Policy remain as it currently stands and be reviewed in 12 months.

11. URGENT BUSINESS

There was no urgent business.

COUNCILLOR SIMON TAGG
Chair