

South Somerset District Council

Minutes of a special meeting of the **Licensing Committee** held on **Thursday 17th May 2007** in the Main Committee Room, Council Offices, Brympton Way, Yeovil.

(8.45pm - 9.00 pm)

Present:

Members:

Nigel Mermagen (Chairman)
Simon Bending
Nicci Court
Tony Fife
Roy Mills
John Hann

David Recardo
Alan Smith
Dave Bulmer
Martin Wale
William Wallace
Lucy Wallace

Officers:

Bob Gillis Democratic Services Manager
Lyn Lockyer Committee Administrator

Note: the decisions were agreed without dissent unless shown otherwise.

1. Apologies for Absence (Agenda Item 2)

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors John Vincent Chainey, Keith Ronaldson and Linda Vijeh.

2. Declarations of Interest (Agenda Item 3)

There were no declarations of interest.

3. Appointment of Licensing Sub-Committees 2007/8 (Agenda Item 2)

- RESOLVED:** (1) that the Licensing Sub-Committee of three members be re-established for 2007/8 to hear applications required to be determined by members in accordance with the Council's Statement of Licensing Policy (under the Licensing Act 2003) and for taxi licensing applications and pet establishment licences .
- (2) that all members of the Committee be appointed to serve on the Licensing Sub-Committee on a rota basis to be drawn up by the Democratic Services Manager and reported to the next meeting of the Committee, and prior to that meeting the Democratic Services Manager be given delegated authority to select members to serve on the Sub-Committee. The membership of the Sub-Committee for the hearings to take place on 24th May to be councillors Tony Fife (Chairman), John Hann and Roy Mills.

- (3) that the chairmen for the Sub-Committee meetings shall be: Councillors Nigel Mermagen, Tony Fife and Martin Wale and the remaining two Chairmen to be appointed either at the next meeting of the Committee or by the sub-committee if needed prior to the next meeting of the Committee.
- (4) that the Scheme of Delegation for licensing applications be confirmed as set out in the Council's Statement of Licensing Policy.

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4. Gambling Fees (Agenda Item 5)

The Chairman agreed that this item could be taken as an item of urgent business as the Gambling fees needed to be agreed prior to May 21st when the Council would assume powers under the Gambling Act. The Council, in December 2006, had delegated the approval of the Gambling Act fees to the Licensing Committee.

RESOLVED: that the fees to be charged under the Gambling Act 2005 be approved as attached to the report.

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Chairman