

CHESHIRE EAST COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the **Licensing Committee**
held on Monday, 8th September, 2014 at Committee Suite 1,2 & 3,
Westfields, Middlewich Road, Sandbach CW11 1HZ

PRESENT

Councillor P Whiteley (Chairman)
Councillor W S Davies (Vice-Chairman)

Councillors Rhoda Bailey, I Faseyi, M Hardy, A Harewood, L Jeuda,
D Mahon, M Parsons, L Smetham and J Wray

Officers

Kim Evans, Licensing Team Leader
Peter Jones, Lawyer
Rachel Graves, Democratic Services Officer

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Councillors C Andrew, D Bebbington,
S Jones and G Wait.

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

In relation to Item 6 – Draft Charitable Collection Policy, Councillors Hardy,
Harewood, Parsons, Smetham, Whitley and Wray declared in the interests
of openness that they took part in street collections for charities.

3 PUBLIC SPEAKING TIME/OPEN SESSION

There were no members of the public present.

4 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the meeting held on 14 January 2014 be approved as
a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

5 MINUTES OF LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEES

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the Licensing Act Sub Committee meetings held on 10
January 2014, 19 February 2014, 18 March 2014, 7 May 2014, 16 May
2014, 18 July 2014 and 1 August 2014, and the General Licensing Sub
Committee meetings held on 21 January 2014, 17 February 2014, 17

March 2014, 22 April 2014, 6 June 2014, 25 June 2014, 7 July 2014 and 20 August 2014 be received.

6 DRAFT CHARITABLE COLLECTION POLICY

The Committee considered a report which sought approval of the Charitable Collections policy.

A draft Charitable Collections Policy had been compiled, having regard to the procedures and working practices used in each of the former Boroughs. The Licensing Committee, at its meeting on 23 May 2013, had considered the draft Policy and subject to minor amendments approved a final draft for consultation.

Consultation on the draft Policy was conducted over a 6 week period - 24 February 2014 to 7 April 2014, via publication on the Council's website. The Policy was also forwarded to all Town and Parish Councils by the Council's Partnerships Team, and to the Council's Event Safety Advisory Group.

One response had been received during the consultation period from a member of the public and the Council's Environmental Health Department had also responded. A response from Congleton Traders Group had been received following publication of the committee report.

The Committee considered the responses received and proposed that the paragraph 4.9 be amended to say a maximum of 1 charity or 2 under special circumstances shall be allowed to collect within any once locality on any one day.

RESOLVED: That

- (1) the responses to the consultation be noted; and
- (2) the Charitable Collections Policy, as set out at Appendix 1, be adopted, subject to an amendment to paragraph 4.9 changing the maximum number of permits to 1 charity or 2 under special circumstances shall be allowed to collect within any one locality on any one day. The appropriate wording of this amendment to be agreed with the Chairman of the Licensing Committee prior to publication.

7 DESIGNATION OF STREETS WITHIN THE BOROUGH FOR THE PURPOSES OF STREET TRADING

The Committee considered a report which sought approval for amendments to the current designation of streets for the purpose of regulating street trading.

The Committee had previously adopted a harmonised Street Trading Policy at its meeting on 16 July 2013 and a copy of the Policy, which detailed the current designation of streets, was attached to the Appendix 2 to the Report. It was proposed that the list of designated streets for street trading be amended and Appendix 1 to the Report listed the proposed designated streets.

Once the Committee had approved the list of designated streets, it was proposed that the Licensing Team would carry out a six week consultation with the relevant stakeholders. Following completion of the consultation, a further report would be presented to the Committee giving the opportunity for consideration of the responses received, setting out the statutory process for re-designation and seeking authorisation to continue the process.

RESOLVED:

That the Licensing Team Leader be authorised to consult with relevant stakeholders on the draft street trading designations, as set out in Appendix 1.

The meeting commenced at 2.02 pm and concluded at 2.45 pm

Councillor P Whiteley (Chairman)