

Minutes

of a meeting of the

General Licensing Committee



held at 2.30 pm on Monday 21 January 2013
at the Council Chamber, The Abbey House, Abingdon

Open to the public, including the press

Present:

Members: Councillor John Amys, Charlotte Dickson, Dudley Hoddinott, Bob Johnston, Angela Lawrence, Ron Mansfield, Elizabeth Miles (as substitute for Val Shaw), Julie Mayhew-Archer and Richard Webber

Officers: Steven Corrigan and Diane Moore

Number of members of the public: 1

GL.10 Notification of substitutes and apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were submitted by Councillors Marilyn Badcock, Mike Badcock, Anthony Hayward, Val Shaw, Janet Shelley and Melinda Tilley.

Councillor Elizabeth Miles attended as substitute for Councillor Val Shaw.

GL.11 Election of Chairman

In the absence of both the chairman and vice-chairman of the committee, Councillor Bob Johnston was elected Chairman for the duration of the meeting.

GL.12 Minutes

RESOLVED: to approve the minutes of the meeting on 4 October 2012 as a correct record and agree that the Chairman sign these as such.

GL.13 Declarations of interest

None.

GL.14 Urgent business and chair's announcements

None.

GL.15 Statements, petitions and questions from the public relating to matters affecting the General Licensing Committee

None.

GL.16 Adoption of the model skin piercing byelaws

The committee considered the report of the head of health and housing that invited it to recommend Council to adopt a new single consolidated set of byelaws, produced by the Department of Health, to regulate acupuncture, tattooing, semi-permanent skin-colouring, cosmetic piercing and electrolysis.

Diane Moore, Shared Food and Safety Manager, introduced the report and answered questions as follows:

- operatives require appropriate training and qualifications;
- the council does not have the power to regulate the provision of the activities to persons according to age or subject to parental consent;
- the registration fee is a one off fee and covers all the council's administrative costs;
- the fees are consistent with those of South Oxfordshire District Council;
- the premises are inspected as part of the current health and safety inspections;
- the adoption of the byelaws will not increase workload.

RESOLVED: to recommend Council to

1. make new model byelaws under Sections 14 and 15 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1982 (as amended by the Local Government Act 2003) for the regulation of acupuncture, tattooing, semi-permanent skin-colouring, cosmetic piercing and electrolysis (and revoke existing byelaws) and

2. authorise the head of legal and democratic services to take all steps necessary to obtain confirmation of the byelaws from the Secretary of State for Health.

The meeting closed at 2.40pm

Chairman

Date