

Minutes

of a meeting of the

General

Committee

Licensing



held on Wednesday, 17 December 2014 at 2.00 pm
at the Meeting Room 1, The Abbey House, Abingdon, OX14 3JE

Open to the public, including the press

Present:

Members: Councillors Charlotte Dickson (Chairman), Marilyn Badcock (Vice-Chairman), John Amys, Eric Batts, Jeanette Halliday, Dudley Hoddinott, Bob Johnston, Bill Jones, Ron Mansfield, Elizabeth Miles and Alison Thomson

Officers: Paul Holland, Clare Kingston and Nicola Meurer

GL.8 Notification of substitutes and apologies for absence

Councillors Anthony Hayward, Aidan Melville and Gill Morgan sent their apologies.

GL.9 Minutes

Councillor Halliday noted that she was listed as having notified an apology; however she was not aware of the meeting and nor had she had her training.

RESOLVED: to approve the minutes of the meeting of 7 July 2014 as a correct record and agree that the Chairman sign these as such.

GL.10 Declarations of interest

None.

GL.11 Urgent business and chair's announcements

None.

GL.12 Statements, petitions and questions from the public relating to matters affecting the general licensing committee.

None.

GL.13 Air Quality Action Plan

The Environmental Protection Manager introduced the report and updated the committee on the following points from the Vale of White Horse Scrutiny Committee's suggestions:

- To look at including a 'bus idling' action for a one minute turn off policy;
- To consider appropriate SMART targets in relation to council and contractor vehicles;
- To consider extending a pilot project for 'eco driver training' to councillors;
- Green (vegetative) barriers to be included in the planning guidance; and
- Green travel plans to be included in the action plan – the County Council will lead on these.

The licensing committee considered the report of the Head of Corporate Strategy on the proposed Air Quality Action Plan and consultation responses. The discussion included the following:

- A request for quick electric car charging points;
- Confirmation needed on who will maintain the charging points;
- The barriers on the A34 at Botley extension to the southbound carriageway (included in the plan);
- The height of the diffusion tube monitors (response: modelling exposure is at ground level as well);
- Abingdon high-traffic areas being outside the identified areas, feasibility of sampling in these areas; and
- Lodge Hill interchange improvements (Councillor Bob Johnston, a county councillor, stated that this is in the county transport plan as a high priority).

RESOLVED (for 11; against 0; abstentions 0)

To authorise the head of corporate strategy to make any minor amendments to the plan in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Health and the Chairman of the General Licensing Committee.

To include a recommendation to have fast-charging electric car points and confirmation of maintenance of the charge points.

The meeting closed at 2.30 pm