

# **BROMSGROVE DISTRICT COUNCIL**

## **MEETING OF THE LICENSING COMMITTEE**

Monday 24th January 2005, at 6.00 p.m.

PRESENT: Councillors A. J. Dent (Chairman), D. Hancox (Vice-Chairman), Miss D. H. Campbell J.P., Mrs. R. L. Dent, Mrs. K. M. Gall, J. H. Gardener, M. H. Gill, G. H. R. Hulett, W.R. Newnes, N. Psirides J.P., S. P. Shannon and E. C. Tibby.

### 39/04 **MINUTES**

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Committee held on 20<sup>th</sup> December 2004 were submitted.

**RESOLVED:** that the Minutes be approved and confirmed as a correct record.

### 40/04 **REPORT OF THE HEAD OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES RELATING TO NON-CONFIDENTIAL AND NON-EXEMPT ITEMS**

The Report of the Head of Administrative Services relating to non-confidential and non-exempt items was submitted.

Arising therefrom:

#### (1) **APPLICATION TO RENEW AN ANNUAL PUBLIC ENTERTAINMENTS LICENCE – THE GATE HANGS WELL, WOODGATE ROAD, STOKE HEATH, BROMSGROVE**

**RESOLVED:** that the application made by Mr. N. McMahon for the renewal of the public entertainments licence in respect of The Gate Hangs Well be approved, subject to the Council's standard conditions and to the following additional conditions remaining on the Licence:-

- (a) All external doors and windows must remain closed during public entertainment events;
- (b) No amplification of music or speech to be permitted outside the premises.

#### (2) **APPLICATION TO RENEW AN ANNUAL PUBLIC ENTERTAINMENTS LICENCE – THE TURKS HEAD, WORCESTER ROAD, BROMSGROVE**

**RESOLVED:** that the application made by Ms. Watts for the renewal of the public entertainments licence in respect of The Turks Head be approved, subject to the Council's standard conditions and to the following additional conditions remaining on the Licence:-

- (a) All external doors and windows remain closed during public entertainment events;
- (b) A self closing device remains fitted to the internal Gents toilet door;
- (c) The Gents toilet window remains locked at all times during public entertainment events;
- (d) The kitchen door is kept closed during public entertainment events; and
- (e) The Karaoke speakers are to be mounted on either tables or stands to prevent the continuity of noise transmitting through the walls of the premises.

(3) **APPLICATION TO TRANSFER AN ANNUAL PUBLIC ENTERTAINMENTS LICENCE – THE PARK GATE INN, KIDDERMINSTER ROAD, BROMSGROVE**

**RESOLVED:** that the application for the transfer of the public entertainments licence in respect of the Park Gate Inn from Ms. J. Ward to Ms. M. Oliver be approved.

(4) **STREET COLLECTION APPLICATION – BROMSGROVE LIONS CLUB**

**RESOLVED:** that this be noted.

(5) **STREET COLLECTION APPLICATION – ROTARY CLUBS OF NORTH WORCESTERSHIRE AND BROMSGROVE**

**RESOLVED:** that this be noted.

(6) **STREET COLLECTION APPLICATION – BELBROUGHTON SCARECROW**

The Committee considered an application for a Street Collection Permit on behalf of the Belbroughton Scarecrow for a collection to take place in Belbroughton on 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> September 2005.

**RESOLVED:** that a Street Collection Permit be issued to Mr. G. Jones on behalf of the Belbroughton Scarecrow for a collection to take place in Belbroughton on 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> September 2005, subject to the receipt of a satisfactory reference from the benefiting organisation.

(7) **STREET COLLECTION APPLICATION – CANCER RESEARCH UK**

The Committee considered an application for a Street Collection Permit on behalf of Cancer Research UK for a collection to take place in Sanders Park, in conjunction with the annual 'Race for Life' event on 24<sup>th</sup> July 2005.

**RESOLVED:** that a Street Collection Permit be issued to Ms. C. Hartley on behalf of Cancer Research UK for a collection to take place in Sanders Park on 24<sup>th</sup> July 2005, subject to the receipt of a satisfactory criminal records certificate.

(8) **STREET COLLECTION APPLICATION – ARTHRITIS RESEARCH CAMPAIGN**

The Committee considered an application for a Street Collection Permit on behalf of the Arthritis Research Campaign for a collection to take place in Bromsgrove High Street on 4<sup>th</sup> June 2005.

**RESOLVED:** that a Street Collection Permit be issued to Mr. D. Hughes on behalf of the Arthritis Research Campaign for a collection to take place in Bromsgrove High Street on 4<sup>th</sup> June 2005, subject to the receipt of a satisfactory reference from the benefiting organisation.

(9) **STREET COLLECTIONS – IDENTIFICATION OF COLLECTORS**

Following consideration of the Report, it was:

**RESOLVED:** that no amendments be made to the model street collection regulations.

(10) **APPLICATION TO PROHIBIT THE CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOL IN A DESIGNATED PLACE - RUBERY**

Having considered a request from Cllr. D. McGrath, Ward Member for the Beacon Ward, for an Order to be made to prohibit the consumption of alcohol in an area within the Ward, it was:

**RESOLVED:** that an Order be made under the Local Authorities (Alcohol Consumption in Designated Places) Regulations 2001 to prohibit the consumption of alcohol in the designated public places as marked on the plan appended to the Report.

(NOTE: Councillor N. Psirides J.P. declared a personal interest in this item, as he lives in the vicinity of the proposed Order).

(11) **FEES FOR TAXI LICENCES**

The Committee considered the level of charges to be made for Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Vehicle Licences, together with the option to introduce a surcharge for vehicles more than 4 years old.

**RESOLVED:**

(a) that the fees for Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Vehicle Licences be increased by an average of 5% with effect from the 1<sup>st</sup> April 2005, resulting in the following charges:

Hackney Carriage Vehicle Licence	£222.00
Private Hire Vehicle Licence	£202.00
Transfer of Hackney Carriage Vehicle Licence (per month)	£20.00
Transfer of Private Hire Vehicle (per month)	£19.00
Re-test of Hackney Carriage Vehicle	£46.00
Re-test of Private Hire Vehicle	£27.00
Re-test of Hackney Carriage Meter only	£20.00
Conversion of PHV Licence to HCV Licence (incl . meter test)	£40.00
Conversion of HCV Licence to PHV Licence	£21.00
Replacement vehicle plate	£3.00
Hackney Carriage & Private Hire Driver's Licence	£70.00
Badge Deposit	£3.00
Private Hire Operator's Licence	£220.00
Trailer Test	£13.00
Trailer Re-test	£6.00

(b) that a surcharge be introduced to cover the cost to the Council of additional mid-term vehicle tests, for all vehicles licensed as Hackney Carriage or Private Hire over the age of 4 years old, with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2005.

(12) **CONDITIONS ATTACHED TO THE ISSUE OF A VEHICLE LICENCE – TINTED WINDOWS**

Having considered whether or not to introduce a condition that all newly-licensed vehicles should not have tinted windows, with the exception of special event vehicles, it was:

**RESOLVED:**

(a) that any vehicle that is to be licensed for either Hackney Carriage or Private Hire for the first time, with the exception of special event vehicles, is not permitted to have any tint, other than provided by the

car manufacturer, on the rear or rear side windows than would be capable of passing the MOT test (if the same windows were at the front or front side of the vehicle);

- (b) that the Licensing Officer be authorised to carry out an inspection of the vehicle prior to it being tested by the Council's Depot to ensure that passengers could be viewed clearly from outside of the vehicle.

**(13) LICENSING ACT 2003 – UPDATE**

The Principal Licensing Officer informed the Committee that the Secretary of State had now issued the fees for the new licensing regime.

**RESOLVED:** that this item be noted.

**(14) STREET COLLECTION CALENDAR 2004/05 AND RETURNS**

**RESOLVED:** that this item be noted.

**(15) HOUSE TO HOUSE COLLECTION CALENDAR 2004/05 AND RETURNS**

**RESOLVED:** that this item be noted.

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**LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972**

**RESOLVED:** that, under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public be excluded from the Meeting during the consideration of the following item of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of "Exempt Information" as defined in Part I of Schedule 12A to the Act, the relevant paragraph of that part being as set out below:-

Minute No.  
42/04 (1)

Paragraph  
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**REPORT OF THE HEAD OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES CONTAINING CONFIDENTIAL OR EXEMPT ITEMS**

The Report of the Head of Administrative Services containing confidential or exempt items was submitted.

Arising therefrom:

**(1) HACKNEY CARRIAGE AND PRIVATE HIRE VEHICLE DRIVER'S LICENCE – REFERENCE D. 990**

Following consideration of the Report, it was:

**RESOLVED:** that consideration of the possible suspension or revocation of the Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Vehicle Driver's Licence D.990 be deferred to the next Meeting of the Committee and that the licence holder be invited to attend and make representations.

The Meeting closed at 7.40 p.m.

Chairman