

11 MARCH 2011

NEW FOREST DISTRICT COUNCIL

GENERAL PURPOSES AND LICENSING COMMITTEE

Minutes of a meeting of the General Purposes and Licensing Committee held at Appletree Court, Lyndhurst on Friday, 11 March 2011.

- e Cllr L R Puttock (Chairman)
- p Cllr J Penwarden (Vice-Chairman – in the Chair)

Councillors:

- p G C Beck
- p W H Dow
- e J A G Hutchins
- p Mrs P Jackman
- p Mrs M McLean
- p A W Rice TD
- p W S Rippon-Swaine

Councillors:

- p R F Scrivens
- p Mrs B Smith
- p M S Wade
- p S S Wade
- p P R Woods
- p Mrs P A Wyeth

Officers Attending:

Mrs R Rutins and, for part of the meeting, Mrs L Battersby, Miss D Everett, Miss T Harwood and P Weston.

In attendance:

Mr D Biggs, Clerk to Totton & Eling Town Council (Min No. 43)

40. MINUTES.

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the meeting held on 14 January 2011 be signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

41. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.

Cllr Scrivens declared a personal and prejudicial interest in Minute No. 43.

42. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION.

No members of the public addressed the Committee during the public participation period.

43. STREET TRADING – PROPOSALS FOR WEEKLY MARKET OFF SALISBURY ROAD, TOTTON (REPORT A).

Cllr Scrivens declared a personal and prejudicial interest in this item as a member of the Totton and Eling Town Council. He withdrew from the meeting and remained absent during the consideration and voting.

The Committee considered Totton and Eling Town Council's request to establish a weekly "street market" on Wednesdays on the slip road off Salisbury Road north of the junction with Water Lane. It was noted that the request before the Committee was the first stage in the process of obtaining authorisation for the street market, and was a request for the Committee to agree a "notice of intention to pass a resolution". This decision would be published, consultations undertaken and a further report brought to the next meeting to consider any representations received. It was noted that, in addition to the statutory notices that had to be published, Totton and Eling Town Council was consulting local traders, residents and statutory authorities. Comments received would be submitted to the Committee in June.

Members support the recommendation.

RESOLVED:

- (a) That, in accordance with Schedule 4 to the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1982, notice be published in a local newspaper as soon as possible of the Committee's intention to pass the following draft resolution on 10 June 2011:

"That Salisbury Road Service Road (west side) north of Water Lane junction, Totton, be designated a consent street within the meaning of Schedule 4 to the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1982, and that this designation comes into force on 13 July 2011"; and

- (b) That a report setting out responses to the public notice, and giving information on other unresolved aspects, be brought to the 10 June 2011 meeting of this Committee.

Action: Lynne Battersby

44. REVIEW OF POLLING DISTRICTS AND POLLING PLACES (REPORT B).

The Committee considered the report of the Working Party set up to oversee the review of polling districts and polling places.

Members supported the Working Party's recommendations.

RECOMMENDED:

- (a) *That, with effect from 1 December 2011, the RA and RC polling districts be amended by moving Lilac Close and Winston Way from RC to RA polling district; and*
- (b) *That, with effect from 1 December 2011, the TG and TH polling districts be amended by moving voters in the following roads from TG to TH:*

**Court Close
 Buckland Gardens
 Warren Place
 Cooks Lane
 Pauletts Lane
 Loperwood Lane
 Flowerdown Close
 Cedarwood Close**

RESOLVED:

- (c) That it be recommended to the Cabinet that, because of the special circumstances that apply –
- (i) EX and BA polling districts be designated as the polling place for EX polling district;
 - (ii) BM and NF polling districts be designated as the polling place for BM polling district;
 - (iii) RC and RH polling districts be designated as the polling place for RC polling district.

- (d) ***That it be recommended to the Returning Officer –***

That, because of the special circumstances that apply -

- (i) The polling station at Exbury Club be discontinued and that EX voters be allocated to the Beaulieu Village Hall (in BA polling district);
- (ii) The polling station (caravan) at Wootton be discontinued and that BM voters be allocated to the St Johns Church Hall in Bashley (in NF polling district);
- (iii) RC voters, with the exception of those in Lilac Close and Winston Way, be reallocated to the St John the Baptist Church Hall in Linford Road, Poulner;
- (iv) the RC register in use at the polling stations on 5 May 2011 be “split” so that voters in Lilac Close and Winston Way continue to vote at the Community Centre at Poulner Junior School;
- (v) the TG register in use at the May 2011 elections be “split” so that voters in

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vote at the TH polling station at Calmore Community Centre

- (e) That the Valetta Barn in Fritham be used as a polling station for BF voters instead of the Fritham Free Church;
- (f) That no other changes to polling stations be recommended at this stage, but that the continued use of the polling station at the Reading Room, Hinton Admiral, be kept under review;
- (g) That all electors affected by changes in polling stations for the 5 May 2011 elections be advised of the changes in good time to allow them to apply for a postal or proxy vote, should they so wish, and that candidates and political parties be requested to assist in publicising the changes.

Action: Rosemary Rutins

45. ENFORCEMENT – LICENSING ACT 2003 (REPORT C).

The Committee reviewed enforcement and compliance actions relating to the Licensing Act 2003 undertaken by the Licensing Enforcement Officer from November 2008 to 31 December 2010. Members were pleased with the action that had been taken and considered that the work of the Enforcement Officer was essential in achieving a well-run licensed trade in the District. They considered that the public was reassured that enforcement activities were taking place.

Although pleased with the results shown in the report, the Committee felt that there could be more cross-departmental liaison on licensing or licensing-related matters. Members were assured that work was ongoing to achieve improved co-ordination at officer level in some areas, but because of the wide variety of functions undertaken across the authority this was not always easy. Members asked, however, that officers endeavour to move this aspect forward. There was also a view that local members should be informed when enforcement action of any sort was to be taken in their areas.

RESOLVED:

That the report be noted and that the Committee looks forward to improved results and greater co-ordination across services in the future.

46. LAST MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE.

The Vice-Chairman referred to the fact that this was the last meeting of the Committee before the quadrennial elections on 5 May 2011. He thanked members for their contributions over the past four years and wished them good luck at the coming elections.

CHAIRMAN

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