

15 JUNE 2012

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, 15 June 2012.

p Cllr G C Beck (Chairman)
p Cllr W H Dow (Vice-Chairman)

Councillors:

p S J Clarke
J D Heron
Miss A J Hickman
p L R Puttock
p A W Rice TD
ap W S Rippon-Swaine
p R F Scrivens

Councillors:

p M H Thierry
p M S Wade
p S S Wade
p Mrs C V Ward
p P R Woods
p Mrs P A Wyeth

Officers Attending:

Ms M Stephens, S Stone and for part of the meeting, Ms L Clark.

3. MINUTES.

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the meetings held on 9 March 2012 and 14 May 2012 be signed by the Chairman as correct records.

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.

No declarations of interest were made by members in connection with an agenda item.

5. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION.

There was none.

6. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS.

The Chairman announced that a by election would be held in the Milford ward in July following Cllr Pemberton's resignation from the Council. The Police and Crime Commissioner elections would be held on 15 November.

7. HEALTH AND SAFETY INTERVENTION PLAN FOR 2012/13 (REPORT A).

The Committee considered the proposed Health and Safety Intervention Plan for the coming year. The plan reviewed the work of the service for the previous year and proposed a full range of work for the year ahead.

Members considered the various aspects of the plan in detail including the risk based approach. This meant that the service would allocate more officer time to high risk businesses and service requests. It was confirmed that this would not impact on the comprehensive programme of inspections relating to food hygiene.

The current levels of staffing within the service were considered appropriate and the planned work for 2012/13 was based on these levels.

Members were informed that as of April 2012 RIDDOR's (Reporting of Injuries, Diseases and Dangerous Occurrences Regulations 1995) over-three-day injury reporting requirement had changed. The trigger point had increased from over three days' to over seven days' incapacitation. This would mean that the Service would receive fewer reports of injuries but it might not reduce overall workload.

Discussion ensued regarding the proper and safe storage of building materials at residential properties and the most effective way to raise public awareness of tick bites and Lyme disease.

Mr Stone was congratulated on the comprehensive report.

RESOLVED:

That the Health and Safety Intervention Plan for 2012/13 as set out in Appendix 1 to Report A to the Committee be approved.

Action: Stephen Stone

8. PRESENTATION ON THE CHANGES TO THE LICENSING ACT 2003.

Members received a short briefing on the changes to the Licensing Act 2003 as a consequence of the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011.

Members had received previous reports and training on this issue. The changes to the Licensing Act 2003 were now in force and had been established in Council policy and procedures when dealing with premises licence applications.

Members thanked Ms Clark for an informative presentation.

RESOLVED:

That the information be noted.

CHAIRMAN