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COMMUNITY SERVICES AND LICENSING COMMITTEE

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25 JUNE 2020

7.00 pm – 8.32 pm

Remote Meeting

Minutes

Membership

Councillor Mattie Ross (Chair)	P	Councillor Gill Oxley	P
Councillor Jonathan Edmunds (Vice-Chair)	P	Councillor Nigel Prenter	P
Councillor Gordon Craig	P	Councillor Sue Reed	A
Councillor Jim Dewey	P	Councillor Steve Robinson	P
Councillor John Jones	P	Councillor Brian Tipper	P
Councillor Darren Loftus	A	Councillor Ken Tucker	P

P = Present A = Absent

Officers in Attendance

Strategic Director of Communities
Principal Licensing Officer
Democratic Services and Elections Officer

Head of Community Services
Corporate Policy and Governance Manager

Other Member(s) in Attendance

Councillors Cornell and Lydon.

The Chair on behalf of the Committee welcomed the Strategic Director of Communities to his first Community Services and Licensing Committee and Councillor Dewey who has replaced Councillor Kay.

CSLC.001

APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Loftus and Reed.

CSLC.002

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were none.

CSLC.003

MINUTES

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 23 January 2020 are approved as a correct record.

CSLC.004 **PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

There were none.

CSLC.005 **MEMBER REPORTS****(a) County Health and Overview Scrutiny Committee**

The member report from Councillor Lydon had been circulated prior to Committee. Councillor Lydon provided an overview of his report and highlighted a number of points that would need to be looked at in the future, these included;

- NHS bodies and Gloucestershire County Council looking at the predicted increase in mental health issues and how to deal with this;
- Rectifying issues on the back log and treatment at the outpatients for cancer and committing to reducing this; and
- Dealing with local outbreaks of Covid-19 at a local level and being able to respond to it. Preparations were already being made through the creation of Local Outbreak Management Plans and aims to set up a Local Covid-19 Engagement Board.

Councillor Lydon concluded his report by explaining the community groups deserve recognition of the work they've undertaken and members can contact Democratic Services at Gloucester regarding any questions relating to his report or concerns they may have.

CSLC.006 **ADOPTION OF NEW STREET TRADING RESOLUTION AND REVISED POLICY**

The Principal Licensing Officer presented the report to Committee and provided an overview of the processes that had occurred within the last 12-18 months. The Principal Licensing Officer advised that the new resolution still requires any private land that the public have access to and all public highways to have street trading consent. Street trading consent was not needed for any street and land owned or managed by any public authorities or any registered charities.

The revised policy introduced two new consent types and accompanying fees; a new market consent with a fee of £1,000 for a year, one day a week and a new light touch event consent with a fee of £15 with the provision to waive the fee if suitable (for light touch events only).

If adopted, additional statutory notices must be advertised in the local newspapers for a further two weeks confirming the adoption and the implementation date (1st August 2020) for both the new resolution and policy.

On being put to the vote, the Motion was carried unanimously.

RESOLVED

- a. **To adopt the new street trading resolution as set out in Appendix A; and**
- b. **To adopt the revised street trading policy as set out in Appendix B; and**
- c. **To Adopt the additional fees as set out in paragraph 4.2 of the report; and**
- d. **Authorise Licensing Officers to make statutory public notices that a new resolution has been adopted and to implement the new resolution, policy and fees from 1st August 2020.**

CSLC.007**STROUD DISTRICT COUNCIL'S STATEMENT OF LICENSING POLICY UNDER THE LICENSING ACT 2003**

The Principal Licensing Officer presented the report to Committee explaining the legislation requires that every five years the Council must re-determine and republish the Statement of Licensing Policy and consult on it. The current policy is due to expire on 7th January 2021 and the Principal Licensing Officer has reviewed the policy and highlighted a number of recommended changes.

If approved, a formal consultation will take place and the Principal Licensing Officer will write to the statutory bodies in the act as well as Parish and Town Councils, Elected Members, license holders and any bodies that represent the licensing trade or would be impacted by the act. The Principal Licensing Officer will distribute the details of the consultation and how to make a submission if approved by committee. After the consultation, a report with the final recommendations and consultation responses will come back to Committee in September and then be considered by Full Council to be adopted.

On being put to the vote, the Motion was carried unanimously.

RESOLVED **To approve the Draft Statement of Licensing Policy (Appendix A) and authorise officers to undertake statutory consultation.**

CSLC.008**APPOINTMENT TO OUTSIDE BODIES**

Members agreed to continue the appointments for the next civic year however for members who represent outside bodies that do not sit on Community Services and Licensing Committee or who couldn't attend the meeting are to be contacted to check they're happy to continue. Councillor Ross suggested receiving a report or update from those members who sit on the outside bodies but have not reported to Committee recently.

No members came forward to fill the vacant seat on Stroud Citizens Advice following Councillor Craig becoming a trustee in October 2019, therefore Councillor Ross proposed that members before the next meeting consider if they would be the representation for Stroud District Council to this outside body. Councillor Craig advised he was happy to continue reporting back to Committee in the interim.

CSLC.009**PERFORMANCE MONITORING**

Councillor Ross asked the Committee if they were happy to continue with the current performance monitors or if there were any changes to make. Councillor Jones advised the Committee that after 6 years he would prefer to step down, however would reconsider if no one came forward. Councillor Prenter expressed his interest and therefore appointed as one of the two performance monitors. Councillor Reed who is the current second appointed performance monitor was not able to attend the meeting, however will be contacted to confirm her intentions.

CSLC.010**WORK PROGRAMME**

Councillor Cornell advised Committee that the Recovery Strategy was agreed at Strategy and Resources and therefore subsequent reports following this approval where appropriate may come to Community Services and Licensing Committee in the future.

RESOLVED **To note the above update to the Work Programme.**

CSLC.011**MEMBER REPORTS**(b) Museum in the Park

A member report from Councillor Prenter had been circulated prior to the meeting. Councillor Robinson asked a question regarding the Friends of the Museum and the reason why they were parting with their funds and being transferred to the Cowle Trust. The Head of Community Services advised that he would ask the Museum Manager to provide a response regarding the reason for the charitable status.

(c) Police and Crime Panel

The panel had not met since the last meeting therefore there was nothing to report.

(d) Gfirst LEP – Visitor Economy/Tourism Business Group

The member report from Councillor Craig had been circulated prior to the meeting.

(e) Stroud Citizens Advice

The member report from Councillor Craig had been circulated prior to the meeting. Councillor Robinson asked a question regarding the grant Citizens Advice received from us and whether the 9,077 people who were helped last year were just for Stroud or if the figure included Cirencester too. Councillor Craig advised that it was the total figure however Stroud accounts for two thirds of the total figure.

Councillor Robinson continued and asked if the new administration for Cotswold District Council were now funding their one third towards Citizens Advice. Councillor Craig confirmed that Cotswolds were now back and providing funds again.

CSLC.012**MEMBERS' QUESTIONS**

There were none.

The meeting closed at 8.32pm.

Chair