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COMMUNITY SERVICES AND LICENSING COMMITTEE

Meeting Papers

Thursday, 31 July 2014

at

19:00

Members of Community Services and Licensing Committee

Julie Job - Member, John Jones - Member, Russell Miles - Member, Penny Wride - Member, Christopher Brine - Chairman, Miranda Clifton - Member, Karon Cross - Vice Chairman, Gary Powell - Member, Nigel Prenter - Member, June Cordwell - Member, Jonathan Edmunds - Member, Elizabeth Peters - Member

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10 JULY 2014

COMMUNITY SERVICES AND LICENSING COMMITTEE

A meeting of the Community Services and Licensing Committee will be held on **THURSDAY, 31 JULY 2014** in the Council Chamber, Ebley Mill, Ebley Wharf, Stroud at **19:00**.

David Hagg
Chief Executive

AGENDA



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1 APOLOGIES

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

To receive declarations of interest.

3.1 MINUTES - 3 APRIL 2014

To Approve and sign as a correct record, the Minutes of the Licensing Committee held on the 3 April 2014.

3.2 MINUTES - 12 JUNE 2014

To Approve and sign as a correct record, the Minutes of the Community Services Committee held on the 12 June 2014.

4 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

The Chair of the Committee will answer questions from members of the public, submitted in accordance with the Council's procedures.

DEADLINE FOR RECEIPT OF QUESTIONS

Noon on Monday, 28 July 2014.

Questions must be submitted in writing to the Chief Executive, Democratic Services, Ebley Mill, Ebley Wharf, Stroud and sent by post, by fax (01453 754957), or by Email: democratic.services@stroud.gov.uk

5 WORK PROGRAMME

To consider the Committee's work programme and update accordingly.

6 TAXI AND PRIVATE HIRE VEHICLE TESTING

7 TAXI AND PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER BADGES

8 MEMBERS' QUESTIONS

See Agenda Item 4 for deadline for submission.

LICENSING COMMITTEE**3 April 2014****3**

6.05 pm – 7.00 pm
Council Chamber, Ebley Mill, Stroud

Minutes**Membership:**

Councillor Gary Powell (Chair)	P	Councillor John Jones	P
Councillor Brian Marsh (Vice-Chair)	P	Councillor Elizabeth Peters	P
Councillor Liz Ashton	P	Councillor Nigel Prenter	A
Councillor Rowland Blackwell	A	Councillor Andy Read	A
Councillor Miranda Clifton	P	Councillor Brian Tipper	P
Councillor Chas Fellows	A		

P = Present A = Absent

Other Member Present:

Councillor Philip Booth

Officers Present:

Principal Licensing Officer

Democratic Services and Elections Officer

LC.005**APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Rowland Blackwell, Chas Fellows, Nigel Prenter and Andy Read.

LC.006**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None received.

LC.007**MINUTES****RESOLVED**

That the Minutes of the Meeting held on 19 November 2013 are confirmed and signed as a correct record.

LC.008**TAXIS AND PRIVATE HIRE – WHEELCHAIR ACCESSIBLE VEHICLES (WAVs)**

The Principal Licensing Officer outlined the above report.

The Chair invited Councillor Philip Booth to outline the problem which had occurred last summer. A resident in a wheelchair wanted to attend a local meeting and could not book Ring and Ride. There were no suitable vehicles available to hire locally and had to book a taxi from Gloucester at a cost of £80. This was unacceptable. Within the District there are only 3 private hire and 2 taxis WAVs. Officers had worked hard to find a way forward and after consultation brought this report to Committee for consideration. He asked Committee to consider a 100% discount for 1 year as an incentive for more vehicles to be converted.

During Members' questions the following points were made

- There was currently no Government Legislation for a local authority to have WAVs. But the Law Commission are currently looking at taxi legislation. Local Authorities usually give waivers for vehicles that have eg WAVs.
- There was work within the District for WAVs, but these vehicles are expensive.
- Gloucestershire County Council are trying to set up training for all drivers across the County for the safe transportation of wheelchair users.
- Each vehicle that had been converted needed to have documentation showing that this had been carried out by a reputable garage.
- There was no budget for this waiver, monies would have to be found from another budget.
- At present there are 3 private hire vehicles in Cam, 2 taxis 1 in Stonehouse and 1 in Stroud, making a total of 5 vehicles registered within the District which had WAVs.
- If Members voted for a waiver for 1 year then the trade would be made explicitly aware that this incentive was for 1 year only and would be reviewed after that time.
- A newsletter would be sent to the trade to encourage take up of WAVs.

Councillor John Jones proposed a Motion to amend paragraph b) by adding the words "and review after 12 months." to the end of the sentence, which was seconded by Councillor Liz Peters.

RESOLVED

To adopt the following:-

- a) **50% of the application and renewal fee for taxis (hackney carriages) and private hire vehicles to be waived where the application relates to a vehicle that can accommodate at least one wheelchair passenger.**
- b) **The above part waiver to be introduced for a period of 12 months and reviewed after 12 months.**
- c) **The above part waiver to be implemented from 1 June 2014.**
- d) **To insert into Stroud District Council policy on wheelchair accessible vehicles the additional criteria laid down in paragraph 2.2 on this report.**

LC.009

STREET TRADING SITE AT BERKELEY HEALTH, A38

Prior to the meeting the Democratic Services and Elections Officer and the Chair observed the Principal Licensing Officer put 3 names into three separate identical white envelopes and seal these, making them undistinguishable. The order of the envelopes was then re-arranged.

In presenting the report the Principal Licensing Officer outlined the above process to which Members agreed. The person drawn would be invited to submit an application, and if they did not meet the criteria then the second and third person would be invited to submit an application. Once the application had been submitted and was accepted consultation would begin.

Members unanimously agreed to the process and the Chair opened the envelopes:-

1. Mr Karakulan
2. Mr Roger Griffiths
3. Mr Mark Jones

RESOLVED **To approve the process recommended in this report for selecting which interested party can submit an application for a street trading consent for the above site.**

The meeting closed at 7.00 pm.

Chair

COMMUNITY SERVICES AND LICENSING COMMITTEE

12 June 2014

7.00 pm – 7.50 pm

Council Chamber, Ebley Mill, Stroud

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Minutes

Membership:

Councillor Chris Brine (Chair)	P	Councillor John Jones	P
Councillor Karon Cross (Vice-Chair)	P	Councillor Russell Miles	P
Councillor Miranda Clifton	P	Councillor Elizabeth Peters	P
Councillor June Cordwell	P	Councillor Gary Powell	A
Councillor Jonathan Edmunds	P	Councillor Nigel Prenter	P
Councillor Julie Job	P	Councillor Penny Wride	P

P = Present A = Absent

Other Councillors Present:

Councillor Nigel Cooper
 Councillor Mattie Ross
 Councillor Paul Smith

Officers Present:

Strategic Head of Customer Services
 Strategic Head of Community Safety
 Legal Services Manager and Monitoring Officer
 Apprentice (Democratic Services)

CSLC.001 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Gary Powell.

CSLC.002 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None received.

CSLC.003 MINUTES

RESOLVED That the Minutes of the Meeting held on 30 January 2014 are confirmed and signed as a correct record.

CSLC.004 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

None received.

CSLC.005 WORK PROGRAM

The Committee were invited to consider the work plan for the next year. Various suggestions were made. The Chairman suggested that the Members meet up before the next Committee meeting to produce the work plan.

RESOLVED To note the work program and to update it before the meeting held on the 10 July 2014.

CSLC.006 STROUD SAFER STRONGER COMMUNITIES

The Head of Community Safety outlined the activities of the Partnership as contained in the Stroud Safer Stronger Communities Partnership Strategy.

The Committee congratulated the Head of Community Safety on his pending retirement and thanked him for his dedication and commitment throughout his employment at the Council and more generally in his work within the Stroud District.

RESOLVED To agree the continued level of support to the partnership by Stroud District Council as outlined in the Partnership Strategic Documents.

CSLC.007 APPOINTMENT OF OUTSIDE BODIES

The Chairman stated that all members who were on outside bodies were contacted and the Committee considered each of the appointments for the year to the various outside bodies listed in the Committee papers. The Chairman advised that he would speak to those Members who were not present at the meeting to confirm their appointment failing which he would revert to the Committee or other relevant Members to finalise any outstanding appointments.

In the discussion on the appointments, Members were reminded of the need for those who had been appointed to various bodies to provide a report on their work over the year.

RESOLVED To make the appointments to outside bodies as set out below:

<u>Organisation</u>	<u>Councillor(s) Appointed 2014-15</u>
CCTV User Group	Councillor John Jones and Councillor Paul Hemming
Cowle Trust (Museum in the Park)	Councillor June Cordwell
Gloucestershire Playing Fields Association	Councillor John Jones
Kingshill House Charitable Trust	Councillor Geoff Wheeler, the Leader

Painswick Educational Trust	Represented by the local vicar
PREMA Project Management Committee	Vacant
SARA	Councillor Russell Miles
Stinchcombe Hill Recreational Ground	Councillor Miranda Clifton
Stroud & Rodborough Educational Charity	Councillor Elizabeth Peters and Councillor Nigel Cooper
Stroud & Tetbury District Scouts	Councillor Elizabeth Peters
Stroud & District CVS	Councillor Elizabeth Peters
Stroud Citizens Advice Bureau	Councillor Miranda Clifton, Councillor Julie Job and Councillor Penny Wride
Stroud Festival Limited	Councillor Nigel Prenter + if no other persons were able to attend or otherwise appointed which the Chairman would ascertain, Councillor Jonathan Edmunds
Stroud Road Safety Liaison Group	Councillor Russell Miles and Councillor Paul Smith
Supporting People Partnership Board	Councillor Karon Cross
The League of Friends of Stroud Hospital and Health Centre	Councillor Paul Smith with Councillor John Marjoram (to be confirmed with Councillor Marjoram by the Chairman)
Woodchester Mansion	Councillor Rhiannon Wigzell
<u>Meeting/Event</u>	<u>Councillor(s) Appointed 2014-15</u>
Crime and Disorder Meeting	Councillor Chris Brine with Councillor June Cordwell and Councillor Miranda Clifton both invited if possible
Parking Board	Councillor John Jones with Councillor June Cordwell invited if possible
Older Peoples Forum	Councillor Mattie Ross
Youth Council	Councillor Miranda Clifton and Councillor June Cordwell
Stroud District Council Health and Wellbeing Partnership	Councillor Karon Cross and substitute-Councillor Jonathan Edmunds
Health and Wellbeing Second Tier/District Lead Officers meeting	Councillor Karon Cross and substitute-Councillor Stephen Lydon

CSLC.009 APPOINTMENTS OF PERFORMANCE MONITORING REPRESENTATIVE

The Committee were asked to consider appointing two Members to attend quarterly performance monitoring meetings during 2014/15.

RESOLVED **Councillors Miranda Clifton and John Jones would attend quarterly performance monitoring meetings during 2014/15.**

CSLC.010 MEMBERS' QUESTIONS

None received.

The meeting closed at 07.50 pm.

Chair

**Stroud District Council
Community Services and Licensing Committee
Work Programme 2014/15**

12 June 2014

1. Work Programme
2. Stroud Safer Stronger Communities
3. Appointments to Outside Bodies
4. Appointment of Performance Monitoring Representatives

31 July 2014

1. Work Programme
2. Taxi and Private Hire Vehicle Testing
3. Taxi and Private Hire Driver Badges

2 September 2014

1. Work Programme
2. Budget Monitoring Report Q1 2014/15 (David Stanley)
3. Youth Project

16 October 2014

1. Work Programme
2. Budget Monitoring –First Half Year Report (David Stanley)
3. Community Safety Crime Commissioner to attend to report

4 December 2014

1. Work Programme
2. Revised Budget 2014/15 & Draft Budget 2015/16 (David Stanley)

17 March 2015

1. Work Programme

Briefing Paper

Update on work of Gloucestershire Police and Crime Panel (Council's representative)