

## **MID DEVON DISTRICT COUNCIL**

**MINUTES** of a **MEETING** of the **LICENSING COMMITTEE** held on 6 August 2021 at 11.00 am

### **Present Councillors**

J Bartlett, J Cairney, Mrs F J Colthorpe,  
L J Cruwys, J M Downes, D J Knowles,  
Miss J Norton and Mrs E J Slade

### **Apologies Councillor(s)**

R J Chesterton, D R Coren, S J Penny and L D Taylor

### **Also Present Councillor(s)**

Mrs E M Andrews

### **Also Present Officer(s):**

Thomas Keating (Specialist Lead (Licensing) Officer),  
Deborah Sharpley (Solicitor), Sarah Lees (Member  
Services Officer) and Carole Oliphant (Member Services  
Officer)

#### **1 ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN (CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL IN THE CHAIR) (00.09)**

Cllr J Cairney was elected Chairman of the Licensing Committee for the municipal year 2021-2022

#### **2 ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN (09.24)**

Cllr Mrs E Slade was elected Vice Chairman of the Licensing Committee for the municipal year 2021-2022

#### **3 HYBRID MEETING PROTOCOL (10.52))**

The Committee had before it, and NOTED, the \*Hybrid meeting protocol.

Note: \*Protocol previously circulated and attached to the minutes.

#### **4 APOLOGIES AND SUBSTITUTE MEMBERS (11.00)**

Apologies were received from Cllrs R J Chesterton, D R Coren, S J Penny and L D Taylor who was substituted by Cllr L J Cruwys

#### **5 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST UNDER THE CODE OF CONDUCT (11.46)**

Cllr J Cairney declared a personal interest as he was a current licence holder.

#### **6 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME (12.07)**

There were no members of the public present

## 7 **MINUTES (12.28)**

The Minutes of the meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> October 2020 were approved as a true record subject to the removal of the following bullet point:

- Enforcement of parking on pavements was a function of Devon County Council

And were duly **SIGNED** by the Chairman

## 8 **LICENSING UPDATE (15.45)**

The Specialist Lead Licensing Officer provided a verbal update on the Licensing Service which included:

- Summary of the different responsibilities of the Licensing and Regulatory Committees
- Impact of COVID on licensing work – particularly licensing act inspections
- COVID enforcement
- A total of 4 hearings had been held for Premises Licence applications in just over the last year
- Gambling Act - the Council was required to have a Statement of Principles under the Act and this had to be reviewed every 3 years. The new Statement of Principles would take effect from 31 January 2022 and the Council would be consulting on this soon
- COVID had reduced the number of applications / notices received by the Licensing Team during 2020
- The Business and Planning Act 2020 – Mid Devon District Council would be responsible for issuing pavement licences for an additional year (until September 2022)

(The meeting ended at 11.25 am)

**CHAIRMAN**