

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 15th 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