

Licensing Sub Committee (Miscellaneous)

Thursday 5 January 2012

PRESENT:

Councillor Browne, in the Chair.
Councillor Lock, Vice Chair.
Councillors Rennie and John Smith (fourth member)

Also in attendance: Pete Clemens – Senior Licensing Officer, Sharon Day – Lawyer and Ross Johnston – Democratic Support Officer.

The meeting started at 10.00 am and finished at 5.20 pm.

Note: At a future meeting, the committee will consider the accuracy of these draft minutes, so they may be subject to change. Please check the minutes of that meeting to confirm whether these minutes have been amended.

66. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR

Agreed that Councillor Browne is appointed as Chair and Councillor Lock appointed as Vice Chair for this meeting.

67. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest made by Councillors in accordance with the code of conduct.

68. CHAIR'S URGENT BUSINESS

There were no items of Chair's urgent business.

69. EXEMPT BUSINESS

Resolved that under Regulation 14 (2) of the Licensing Act 2003 (Hearing) Regulations 2005 it was in the public interest to exclude the press and public as to hear the matter in public risked prejudicing any ongoing investigations and any court proceedings.

70. SUMMARY REVIEW OF PREMISES LICENCE - DIVAS, 30-40 UNION STREET, PLYMOUTH, PL1 3EY

The committee having –

- (a) considered the report from the Director of Place;
- (b) heard and considered representations from the Police legal representative and witnesses for the police;
- (c) heard from the legal representative of the premises licence holder.

The committee was satisfied on the evidence produced by the police that there were problems associated with the premises and these were adversely affecting the crime prevention licensing objective. They also accepted the evidence of the police that there had been a flagrant and systematic abuse of the licensing conditions.

The committee therefore agreed that in order to promote the crime prevention licensing objective the premises licence should be revoked and that on the coming into effect of this decision the interim steps agreed on the 14 December 2011 would no longer have effect.

(Note: there is a confidential part to this minute).