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MONMOUTHSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Licensing and Regulatory Committee held
at County Hall, The Rhadyr, Usk, NP15 1GA on Tuesday, 14th June, 2016 at 10.00 am

PRESENT: County Councillor L. Guppy (Chairman)
County Councillor B. Strong (Vice Chairman)

County Councillors: R. Chapman, R. Edwards, D. Evans,
J. Higginson, J. Prosser, F. Taylor, A. Webb and M. Hickman

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Linda O'Gorman	Principal Licensing Officer
Sam Winn	Senior Licensing Officer
Robert Tranter	Head of Legal Services & Monitoring Officer
Debbie McCarty	Whole Place Manager
Ben Winstanley	Estates Manager
Paula Harris	Democratic Services Officer

1. To elect a Chair

County Councillor L. Guppy was elected as Chairman of the Licensing and Regulatory Committee.

2. To appoint a Vice Chair

County Councillor B. Strong was appointed as Vice Chairman of the Licensing and Regulatory Committee.

3. Apologies for absence

We received apologies from County Councillor J. Marshall.

4. Declarations of interest

There were no declarations of interest.

5. To confirm and sign the minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes on meetings held on the 3rd May 2016, 22nd March 2016 and 11th May 2016 were signed as accurate by the Chair.

6. To exclude the press and public from the meeting during the consideration of the following items of business on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information

7. To consider whether the driver is 'fit and proper' to continue to hold a Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Drivers Licence

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The applicant confirmed their name and address to the Committee and confirmed that they were content to proceed without legal representation.

The Principal Licensing Officer presented a report which recommended that members consider and determine whether the applicant for a Hackney Carriage/Private Hire drive was a fit and proper person to continue to hold a licence.

The key issues and details of the application were read out to the Committee.

The applicant was then provided with the opportunity to address the Committee, to put forward any relevant explanations. Following this, Members of the Committee put forward questions to the applicant and discussion ensued.

Following questioning, officers and the applicant left the meeting to allow the Committee the opportunity to deliberate and discuss the findings.

Upon re-commencement, the Chairman advised that the Committee had considered the application and had resolved that the licence would not be revoked, as the applicant for a Hackney Carriage/Private Hire driver was a fit and proper person to continue to hold a licence.

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Upon re-commencement, the Chairman advised that the Committee had considered the application and had resolved to defer the decision until the September meeting, subject to the result of further tests. It was also decided that the licence would not be revoked at present.

9. Application for an Annual Block Street Trading Consent for Monmouth Town Centre

We received a report from the Principal Licensing Officer to consider an application for a Block Street Trading Consent to trade in Monmouth Town Centre.

An application was received on 2nd June 2016 from Ms Sharon Hutchinson, on

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behalf of Facilities and Market, Monmouthshire County Council for Monmouth Town Centre, which is attached to this report as Appendix A. The application request is to trade on Monday to Sunday between the hours of 07.00hrs until 23.00hrs.

The location and number of pitches requested in the application form for Monmouth Town Centre are as follows:-

- Plan A: A-D St Marys Churchyard (119 pitches), E Pavement area outside Chinese in Priory Street (4 pitches), F Church Street (small barrow stalls on wheels) (45 pitches), G Car park behind Market Hall (11 pitches), H Curved area top of Priory Street beginning of Agincourt Square (12 pitches), I Agincourt Square leading into top end of Agincourt Street (17 pitches)
- Plan B: Q Car park area and green by Rowing Club (58 pitches)
- Plan C: Chippenham (100 pitches)
- Plan D: J-K Monnow Street (22 pitches), L Pavement area by toilet block bottom of Monnow Street (3 pitches), M Pavement area opposite toilet block bottom of Monnow Street (3 pitches), N Over old Monnow Bridge (13 pitches), O Cattle Market car park including grassed area (74 pitches)
- Plan E: R proposed new car park and area around Duck Pond in Drybridge Park off Rockfield Road (56 pitches).

The total pitches requested for Monmouth Town Centre is 537 pitches.

The applicant has further stated that if the consent is granted she will ensure pitch holders will comply with the Council's conditions for the consent. The applicant has stated within Section 6 of the application form that each person requesting a pitch will be required to complete an "Application for a Day Market Pitch", which will be issued by Facilities and Market, Monmouthshire County Council, attached as Appendix C.

Members asked if local traders had been consulted over the loss of car parking facilities and we were told that MCC run a market in a section of the car park already and this application is for special events only.

The Committee praised the Officers for their forward planning and agreed that it would be good for Monmouthshire.

It was proposed that the application was accepted with the highway objections being taken into account.

10. DEFINITIVE MAP MODIFICATION ORDER, CLEDDON SHOOT, LLANDOGO, TRELLECH (41Mod)

Deferred to a later meeting.

11. To note the date and time of the next meeting

19th July 2016 at 10am and 1pm.

The meeting ended at 1.30 pm

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