

## SELBY DISTRICT COUNCIL

Minutes of the proceedings of a meeting of the Licensing Committee held on 9 October 2006, in Committee Room 2, The Civic Centre, Portholme Road, Selby, commencing at 10.00 am.

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Present: Councillor R. Sayner in the Chair

Councillors: Mrs J Ashton, Mrs D Davies, Mrs S Duckett, J McCartney, Mrs K McSherry, D Peart and C Pearson.

Officials: Head of Service – Legal and Democratic Services, Licensing Enforcement Officer and Committee Administrator

Observers: L Roper – Committee Administrator

Also in attendance: Mr S Pashley  
Mr S Whitehead

Public: 0  
Press: 0

### 1166 **Apologies for Absence and Substitution**

Apologies were received from Councillors G Croston and Mrs J Dyson.

### 1167 **Disclosure of Interest**

None.

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## Minutes

### Resolved:

**That the minutes of the proceedings of the meeting of the Licensing Committee held on 4 September 2006 be confirmed as a correct record and be signed by the Chair.**

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### Procedure

The Procedure was noted.

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### Chair's Address to the Licensing Committee

The Chair addressed councillors following issues raised at today's Committee about the refusal of hackney carriage drivers to take fares. She proposed that a press release be issued informing the trade of the obligations on drivers and the possible consequences of refusing fares.

Councillors suggested that this release should be issued to all hackney carriage drivers and licence holders within the District.

The Chair also informed councillors that a full time enforcement officer post had been agreed at Policy and Resources Committee and the duties of the post would be split between licensing enforcement and planning enforcement.

The Chair suggested that the new officer should be supervised by the Senior Licensing Enforcement Officer.

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### Application by Leisure Link for an additional gaming machine at The Griffin Public House, Selby

Mr S Pashley from Leisure Link and Mr S Whitehead from the Griffin Public House were in attendance for this item.

Councillors received the report of the Licensing Enforcement Officer in respect of an application for an additional gaming machine to be sited at the Griffin Public House, Selby.

The Licensing Enforcement Officer outlined details of the application. The Griffin Public House was currently permitted to operate three gaming machines and had applied to increase the number to four.

Councillors considered the application and resolved to grant the increase in gaming machines within the Griffin Public House from three to four.

**Resolved:**

**That a permit be issued to increase the gaming machines within the Griffin Public House from three to four.**

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**Gambling Policy**

Councillors received the report of the Licensing Enforcement Officer in respect of the Gambling Policy.

In line with Government policy Selby District Council was required to provide a policy with regard to the introduction of the Gambling Act 2005. The policy had been prepared and following consultation was before councillors for approval.

The consultation had been wide and varied and had involved all statutory bodies in addition to other interested parties. The consultation period ran from 12 June 2006 to 12 September 2006.

**Resolved:**

**That the Policy and Resources Committee be asked to approve the Gambling Policy.**

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**Private Session**

**That in accordance with Section 100(A)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business, as there will be disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Section 12A of the Act, as amended by the Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) Order 2006.**

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**Complaint about behaviour of Hackney Carriage Driver**

Councillors received the report of the Licensing Officer in respect of an allegation that a Hackney Carriage Driver refused to convey a wheelchair-bound passenger from the rank in James Street, Selby.

The Licensing Enforcement Officer explained that the details of the offence had previously been provided to the Committee and revealed that the driver had admitted the offence and shown remorse.

The hackney carriage driver apologised for his actions stating that it was a one-off occasion and would not happen again.

The councillors then considered the case and after a debate resolved to give the driver a written warning advising him as to his future conduct.

**Resolved:**

**That, although the Committee had the power to suspend or revoke the Licence, a written warning be issued to the driver in relation to the offence.**

The meeting closed at 11.05 am.