

LICENSING COMMITTEE

TUESDAY, 27 OCTOBER 2009

PRESENT:- Councillors Eric Shaw (Chair), Andrew Bennett (Vice-Chair), Andy Albinson, Rex Barnett, Doreen Dart, Michael Dickinson, Maurice Fanning, Fay Howard, Nick Martin, Kevin Parry, Vera Tomlinson, Steve Wakefield, David Wood and Robert Wright.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Michael Bray.

21. Declarations of Interest

The Chair reminded Members of the need to declare any known interests in any matters to be considered at the meeting. Councillor Bob Wright made a non prejudicial declaration of interest in respect of Agenda Item No. 5 in his capacity as a Central Ward Councillor and his involvement in discussions with traders and other persons regarding the proposals set out in the report.

22. Minutes

Resolved – That the minutes of the meeting held on 3rd July 2009, be confirmed and signed.

23. Public Question Time

No public questions were received during the meeting.

24. Re-designation of Some Town Centre Streets for Street Trading Purposes

The Committee considered (a) a presentation by planning officers regarding the town centre redevelopment, and (b) a report of the Council's Licensing Officer on the proposed re-designation of some town centre streets from consent streets to prohibited streets for the purpose of street trading.

Resolved – (1) That, subject to the concurrence of the Council:
(a) Canal Walk, The Parade, all of Regent Street, Regent Circus, Edgeware Road, that part of Bridge Street further than three metres from the junction with Canal Walk, down as far as the junction with Fleet street which are currently designated as consent streets shall be given a new designation as prohibited streets, that is streets where street trading is prohibited, with effect from 31st March 2010; and
(b) the area known as Jubilee Square shall currently be retained as a consent street in order to enable a global street trading consent to be granted to inSwindon, which for the time being identifies Jubilee Square as an entertainment zone, solely for the purpose of regularising the sale of goods ancillary to bookings made with them under the Street Busking and Entertainment Scheme.

(2) That, further to (1)(a) above, musicians performing under the inSwindon Street Busking and Entertainment Scheme, or visual and performance artists who are officially sanctioned, shall be allowed to sell examples of their own work, ancillary to their artistic activity on the street, while being subject only to a 'light touch' interpretation of street trading authorisation requirements.

(3) That the Head of Licensing be instructed to write to Swindon's two local Members of Parliament, to seek support in equalising the street trading legislation in Swindon with the provisions of the London Local Authorities Act, in order that street promotions can be regulated on the same basis as street trading in goods.

25. Proposed Designated Public Place (alcohol restriction) scheme to cover public land at Cavendish Square and the surrounding area

The Committee considered a report of the Council's Licensing Manager setting out a recommendation to implement a new Designated Public Place Order covering public land at Cavendish Square, Swindon, and the surrounding area.

Resolved – (1) That, a Designated Public Place Order covering public land at Cavendish Square and the surrounding area identified on map appended to the Council's Licensing Manager's report be approved.

(2) That, further to (1) above, and subject to no responses being received during the advertisement period, Council be recommended to confirm the Designated Public Place Orders covering public land at Cavendish Square and the surrounding area.

(3) That should any objections be received they be considered by this Committee.

(4) That the proposals for signage for the Designated Public Place Order, as set out in the report of the Council's Licensing Manager, be approved.