

LICENSING AND SAFETY COMMITTEE

Tuesday, 24th January, 2006 at 6.00 p.m.

Conference Room at the Council House, Walsall

Present

Councillor Keith Sears (Chairman)
Councillor Bill Tweddle (Vice-Chairman)
Councillor Joan Barton
Councillor Joan Beilby
Councillor Gary Clarke
Councillor Cath Micklewright
Councillor Robbie Robinson
Councillor John Rochelle
Councillor Harbans Sarohi

940/06 Apologies

Apologies for non-attendance were submitted on behalf of Councillors Beeley, Bentley, Cassidy and Rose.

941/06 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

942/06 Local Government (Access to Information) Act, 1985

Resolved

That the public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the items set out in the private agenda for the reasons set out therein and Section 100A of the Local Government Act, 1972.

943/06 Minutes

Resolved

That the minutes of the meetings held on 7th September, 14th September, 25th October, 27th October, 17th November and 7th December, 2005, copies having previously been circulated to each Member of the Committee, be approved and signed by the Chairman as correct records.

944/06

Taxi/Private Hire Liaison Group

(a) Minutes

Resolved

That the minutes of the meeting of the Taxi/Private Hire Liaison Group held on 15th December, 2005, a copy having previously been circulated to each Member of the Committee, be received and noted.

(b) New licensing conditions for private hire/hackney carriage licence trade

The report of the Head of Public Protection was submitted:-

(see annexed)

Resolved

- (1) That the new licensing conditions for private hire/hackney carriage licence trade, as detailed in the report now submitted, be approved;
- (2) That a progress report be submitted to Committee in six months time on how the new conditions are working.

945/06

**Police, Factories (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1916 -
Application for Street Collection Permit - Manacare Foundation**

The report of the Head of Public Protection was submitted:-

(see annexed)

Resolved

That the application for a street collection permit by the Manacare Foundation be refused.

946/06

**Police, Factories (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1916 -
Application for Street Collection Permit - Uncaged Campaigns**

The report of the Head of Public Protection was submitted:-

(see annexed)

Resolved

That the application by the Uncaged Campaigns for a street collection permit be refused.

Application to renew Sex Shop Licence - Unit 5, Frederick Street, Walsall

The report of the Head of Public Protection was submitted:-

(see annexed)

The applicant, Mr. Trevor Cooper, was in attendance for this item. The Licensing Officer (Mr. D. Brookhouse) advised the Committee that the applicant had requested approval to open the establishment on Mondays to Saturdays - 10.00 a.m. to 8.00 p.m., including Bank Holidays, which was an increase of two hours on the original application which had been previously approved by the Committee. He said that the local Police Licensing Officer, the Fire Officer and Environmental Health Services had no objections to the renewal of the licence with the increased hours.

Mr. Cooper advised the Committee that the reason he was requesting approval to extend his hours of opening was because a rival sex shop had been granted a licence to open until 9.00 p.m. and on Sundays. He did not wish to open on Sundays but he was a retailer and needed to stay in competition.

In answer to points raised, Mr. Brookhouse said that he had no knowledge of an application by a rival sex shop to open until 9.00 p.m. and on Sundays.

Following further questioning, Mr. Cooper withdrew from the meeting while the Committee considered its decision.

It was **moved** by Councillor Sarohi and duly **seconded**:-

- (1) That the application to renew the sex shop licence in respect of Unit 5, Frederick Street, Walsall, Mondays to Saturdays - 10.00 a.m. to 8.00 p.m., including Bank Holidays, be granted;
- (2) That officers be authorised to grant future renewals of sex establishment licences in cases where no objections have been received.

On being put to the vote, the Motion was declared **carried**.

Resolved

- (1) That the application to renew the sex shop licence in respect of Unit 5, Frederick Street, Walsall, Mondays to Saturdays - 10.00 a.m. to 8.00 p.m., including Bank Holidays, be granted;

- (2) That officers be authorised to grant future renewals of sex establishment licences in cases where no objections have been received.

Mr. Cooper was then invited back into the meeting to hear the decision of the Committee. Mr. Cooper then left the meeting.

948/06

Private Session

Exclusion of Public

Resolved

That, during consideration of the remaining items on the agenda, the Committee considers that the items for consideration are exempt information for the reasons set out therein and Section 100A of the Local Government Act, 1972 and accordingly resolves to consider those items in private.

Summary of Matters considered in Private Session

Private Hire Licences

The Committee considered representations in respect of a number of taxi/private hire matters and made decisions thereon.

(Exempt information under Paragraphs 7 and 14 of Part I of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act, 1972)

Termination of Meeting

The meeting terminated at 7.45 p.m.

Chairman

Date