

LICENSING COMMITTEE

Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 23 February 2012 at the Town Hall, Royal Leamington Spa, at 4.30 pm.

PRESENT: Councillor Guest (Chair); Councillors Mrs Bromley, Gill, Mrs Goode, Mrs Grainger, Heath, Kinson, Vincett, Wilkinson and Wreford-Bush.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors De-Lara-Bond, Mrs Knight, Mrs Mellor and Pratt.

7. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

8. **MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on Tuesday 31 May 2011 were taken as read and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

9. **RECORD OF LICENSING PANEL HEARINGS**

The Committee considered the minutes of the meetings of the Licensing Panels held between 6 June 2011 and 31 January 2012.

RESOLVED that the records of the Licensing Panels between 6 June 2011 and 31 January 2012, be noted.

The Committee discussed issues surrounding declaring interests when serving on Licensing Panels. There was general agreement that Councillors would avoid challenges in respect of personal and prejudicial interests if they did not sit on Licensing Panels that were considering licensing applications that fell within their Ward.

The Committee made general enquiries on progress in respect of some of the licensing applications previously discussed at Licensing Panel meetings and the Chairman informed the Committee that he would speak to the Licensing Services Manager about these.

The Committee were keen to receive training on the implications of the Localism Act in respect of Licensing, before the Act came into force in April 2012. The Chairman informed the Committee that he would speak to the Licensing Services Manager about this.

(The meeting ended at 4.45 pm)