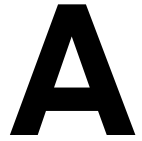


Crawley Borough Council



Minutes of Licensing Committee

2 November 2011 at 7.30pm

Present:

Councillor B McCrow (Chair)

Councillors B K Blake, N Boxall, L R Gilroy, M G Jones, S Kaur, P K Lamb,
J L Millar-Smith, C Oxlade, B J Quinn, K Trussell and K Williamson

Officers Present:

Tony Baldock	Environmental Health Manager (Port health, Food, Licensing, Workplace Safety & Wellbeing)
Steve Kirby	Enforcement & Technical Services Manager
Mez Matthews	Democratic Services Officer
Bill Nailen	Licensing Officer
Astrid Williams	Solicitor

Apologies for Absence:

Councillors B J Burgess, V S Cumper and D J Shreeves

11. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 7 September 2011 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

12. Members' Disclosure of Interests

The following disclosures of interests were made by Members:-

Member	Minute Number	Subject	Nature of Disclosure
Councillor K Trussell	Minute 15	Review of Street Trading Policy: Broad Walk and The Broadway	Personal and Prejudicial Interest in the item. Councillor Trussell withdrew from the meeting whilst the item was discussed and took no part in the discussion.

13. Licensing Sub Committee Minutes

The minutes of the following meeting of the Licensing Sub-Committee were approved as a correct record and signed by the Member indicated below:-

Date	Sub-Committee Minutes	Minutes signed by
29 September 2011	Application to Review the Premises Licence – Liquid/Envy, Station Way, Northgate.	<p>Councillor B MeCrow (Chair of the Panel) signed the minutes subject to the replacement of “Gilroy” with “Blake” in the first Nature of Disclosure; and the replacement of “Gilroy” with “MeCrow” in the third Nature of Disclosure within Minute 2.</p> <p>These amendments correct clerical errors and ensure that the Nature of Disclosure section of the minutes reflect the Councillor who declared the Interest.</p>

14. Hackney Carriage Fares, 2011-2012

The Committee considered report PES/48 of the Head of Planning and Environmental Services which considered proposals for increases to the Hackney Carriage table of fares for 2011-2012.

The Licensing Officer presented the report and informed the Committee that the last increase in Hackney Carriage fares had taken place on 1 December 2010. Following consultation with the trade, the Council had received a letter dated 5 October 2011 which outlined the trade’s proposal that the Committee agree to increase the initial hiring rate by 20p with no changes to other the tariffs. The Committee’s attention was drawn to section 3 of the report which outlined the statutory consultation requirements, and section 10 of the report which detailed the reason for the recommendations. The Committee noted that Hackney Carriage Fares were reviewed when requested by the Hackney Carriage Association.

RESOLVED

1. That the starting tariff (for Tariff 1) which is currently £3.40 be increased to £3.60, with the current “running mile” being £2.11 (on Tariff 1) and “waiting time” being £15.00 per hour (on Tariff 1). The effect equating to an overall rise of 20p per journey regardless of distance.

2. That the above decision be advertised in the local press and that the table of fares as set out in the Appendices to the report be adopted.
3. Following the advertisement, that the Committee meet to consider any objection that may be lodged within the specified time period. If no objection is received, that the proposals be implemented on 1 December 2011.

15. Review of Street Trading Policy Broad Walk and The Broadway

The Committee considered report PES/47 of the Head of Planning and Environmental Services which sought the Committee's approval to amend the current street trading controls in regard to changing the status of Broad Walk and The Broadway from 'Prohibited Streets' for the purposes of street trading to 'Consent Streets'. It was proposed to explore holding suitable markets selling collectables once a fortnight for an initial six month trial period to generate footfall in those areas and subsequent potential regeneration.

The Environmental Health Manager presented the report and informed the Committee that the Cabinet Member's name should be removed as an author of the report. It was also noted that recommendation 2.7 of the report was superfluous and should also be removed as the need for specific conditions would be covered by the street trading policies which were dealt with under recommendation 2.8 of the report.

The Committee was informed that the structure and use of Broad Walk and The Broadway had changed and that if the current street trading prohibitions were removed, footfall in those areas could be stimulated by the introduction a market. The Committee noted that the Town Centre Manager was in favour of the proposals, as were businesses in the area, and that no objections had been received to the proposal.

The Committee was concerned about the type of product which would be sold on the market, and the Environmental Health Manager assured the Committee that the street trading policies would stipulate the type of market permitted, as had been done with the Queens Square Market. The Committee was informed that the type of market proposed would require consent and could discourage other less desirable street trading such as pedlars.

The Committee noted that it was proposed that any market would take place during the weekend. The Committee was assured that any market would be subject to health and safety regulations to ensure that accesses were kept clear and that the areas did not become overcrowded. The Committee acknowledged that the report proposed an initial six months trial period for the market and that any in-depth issues would be dealt with in detail at a later date.

Having given due consideration to the report and its recommendations, the Committee resolved as follows.

RESOLVED

1. That the Council:
 - (i) Give notice to the public of its intention to so re-designate the mentioned streets by advertising in the local press.
 - (ii) Serve notice advertising intention to re-designate the mentioned streets on the Chief Officer of Police and Highways Authority.

- (iii) Permit by consent, street trading within The Broadway and Broad Walk.
- 2. That the Council's notice published in the local press contains draft resolution and advises that members of the public have 28 days to make representations to the Council.
- 3. That if any representations are received that the Committee meet to consider the representations as soon as possible after the 28 day period.
- 4. That if no representation is received that The Broadway and Broad Walk be re-designated as 'consent' streets under the provisions of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1982.
- 5. That any re-designated street will be subject to the Council's existing street trading policy, fee structure, terms and conditions.
- 6. Review the current street trading policies applying to the Town Centre to ensure they are fit for purpose.

16. Closure of Meeting

With the business of the Committee concluded, the Chair declared the meeting closed at 8.00pm.

B MECROW
Chair