

Crawley Borough Council

Minutes of Licensing Committee

5 September 2012 at 7.30pm

Present:

Councillor B J Burgess (Chair)

Councillor K B Williamson (Vice-Chair)

Councillors B K Blake, N Boxall, V S Cumper, C J Mullins, C Oxlade, D M Peck,
B J Quinn and K Trussell

Officers Present:

Kevin Carr	Principal Lawyer
Steve Kirby	Enforcement and Technical Services Manager
Mez Matthews	Democratic Services Officer
Bill Nailen	Licensing Officer

Apologies for Absence:

Councillors M L Ayling, C R Eade, P K Lamb, L S Marshall-Ascough and D J Shreeves

6. Members' Disclosure of Interests

No disclosures of interests were made by Members.

7. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 14 June 2012 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

8. Licensing Sub Committee Minutes

The minutes of the following meetings 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
15 June 2012	Application for the Grant of a Premises Licence –	Councillor B J Burgess (Chair of the Panel)

Date	Sub-Committee Minutes	Minutes signed by
	'Best One' 4 The Broadway, Crawley.	
29 June 2012	Application for the Grant of a Premises Licence – 'Best One' 4 The Broadway, Crawley.	Councillor B J Burgess (Chair of the Panel)

8. Hackney Carriage Stands

The Committee considered report PES/084 of the Head of Planning and Environmental Services which detailed the objections received following the notification of the Licensing Committee's decision on 14 June 2012 to appoint three new taxi ranks within the Borough of Crawley. The Committee was requested to make a final decision in respect of the proposed ranks. The two objections were detailed in Appendices B and C to the report, both of which related to the proposed taxi rank in The Boulevard.

The Licensing Officer informed the Committee that one of the reasons for the additional 24 hour rank being proposed for The Boulevard was to ensure that disabled passengers could access vehicles from the pavement, as the new rank would enable near-side loading.

The Committee considered the issue and the objections in detail and the Enforcement and Technical Services Manager explained the legalities surrounding loading and unloading on The Boulevard. The Committee was of the view that there was a need for additional ranks within the town and that the reasons for the objections received were unjustified. The Committee noted that it was difficult for officers to give an implementation timescale for the new ranks, but that they would inform Members if there were any issues surrounding the making of the Traffic Regulation Orders by the County Council.

Officers were thanked for the work they had undertaken regarding the issue.

RESOLVED

That the Licensing Committee's decision of the 14 June 2012 (minute 4 refers) be confirmed and that the appointment of the ranks set out in Appendix A to the report be approved.

9. Closure of Meeting

With the business of the Committee concluded, the Chair declared the meeting closed at 7.45pm.

B J BURGESS
Chair