

CANNOCK CHASE COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
LICENSING AND PUBLIC PROTECTION COMMITTEE
THURSDAY 2 MARCH, 2017 AT 10:00AM
IN THE CIVIC CENTRE, BEECROFT ROAD, CANNOCK

PART 1

PRESENT: Councillors

Grice, Mrs. D. (Chairman)
Dudson, A. (Vice-Chairman)

Allen, F.W.C. Todd, Mrs. D.
Lea, C.I.

20. Apologies

Apologies for absence were submitted for Councillors A. Dean, M.R. Grocott and P.T. Witton.

21. Declarations of Interests of Members in Contracts and Other Matters and Restriction on Voting by Members

No Declarations of Interests were made in addition to those already confirmed by Members in the Register of Members' Interests.

22. Minutes

RESOLVED:

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 6 January, 2017 be approved as a correct record and signed.

23. Application for a Dangerous Wild Animals Licence

Consideration was given to the report of the Head of Environmental Health (Enclosure 4.1 – 4.8 of the Official Minutes of the Council).

The Chairman invited all those present to introduce themselves and outlined the procedure to be followed at the Hearing.

The Applicant's representative was in attendance to present his case.

The Officer of the Licensing Authority presented the Council's case by taking the Committee through the report outlining the relevant issues for consideration.

The Applicant's representative and Members of the Committee were then offered the opportunity to ask questions of the Officer.

The Applicant's representative then presented his case to the Committee.

Members of the Committee and the Officer of the Licensing Authority were then offered the opportunity to ask questions of the Applicant.

The Officer of the Licensing Authority and the Applicant's representative then summed up their respective cases to the Committee.

The Committee deliberated in private, accompanied by the Council's Legal Adviser and Secretary to the Committee.

Following the deliberations, the Officer of the Licensing Authority and the Applicant's representative returned to the meeting and the Legal Advisor to the Committee read out the decision of the Committee (and the reasons for the decision) on the Chairman's behalf.

RESOLVED:

That, having regard to all the circumstances, the application for a Licence under the Dangerous Wild Animals Act, 1976 be granted in relation to the two lions and one tiger at the premises.

Reasons for the Decision

1. The Committee noted the contents of the inspection report from the Council's appointed vet.
2. The Committee heard evidence from the Council's Head of Environmental Health and the Applicant's representative.
3. The Committee was satisfied that the licence application had been properly made as per section 1(2) of the Act.
4. The Committee applied the statutory considerations of section 1(3) of the Act, and found as follows:-
 - (a) The Committee found that it was not contrary to the public interest on the grounds of safety, nuisance or otherwise to grant the licence. The Committee found that there was no evidence of such issues being raised as concerns;
 - (b) The Committee found that the applicant for the licence is a suitable person to hold a licence under this Act;
 - (c) The Committee was satisfied that the animals concerned will at all times be kept only under the authority of the licence.
 - (d) The Committee noted that the appointed vet and officers had raised no concerns regarding the accommodation in terms of it being secure,

and suitable in terms of stopping animal escape, construction, size, temperature, lighting, ventilation, drainage and cleanliness. The Committee noted that the vet report gave a good account in terms of animal welfare, and that there was no evidence to suggest that the accommodation was not suitable for the number of animals proposed to be held in the accommodation. The Committee noted the recent improvements made to the accommodation.

- (e) The Committee was satisfied that the animals would be supplied with adequate and suitable food, drink and bedding material and be visited at suitable intervals. The Committee noted that the vet report found that “all the animals appeared well cared for”. The Committee was impressed with the improvements that the Applicant had made in animal welfare diary keeping, as per the vet recommendations.
- (f) The Committee noted that the appointed vet and officers had raised no concerns regarding emergency procedures and procedures to prevent and control the spread of infectious diseases;
- (g) The Committee was satisfied that the conditions proposed at Appendix 3 would ensure that the accommodation would allow the animals to take adequate exercise.
- (h) The Committee agreed with the conditions at Appendix 3 being added to the licence and was satisfied that the conditions are proportionate, reasonable and address the important animal welfare issues required by section 1(3) of the Act.

The meeting closed at 10.35am

CHAIRMAN