

CANNOCK CHASE COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
LICENSING AND PUBLIC PROTECTION COMMITTEE
WEDNESDAY 28 JUNE, 2017 AT 11:15 AM
IN THE CIVIC CENTRE, BEECROFT ROAD, CANNOCK

PRESENT: Councillors

Johnson, T.B. (Chairman)
Pearson, A.R. (Vice-Chairman)

Dean, A.	Smith, C.D.
Freeman, Miss. M.A.	Snape, D.J. (Substitute)
Hoare, M.W.A.	Todd, Mrs. D.M.

1. Apologies

Apologies for absence were submitted for Councillors F.W.C. Allen, M.R. Grocott and C.I. Lea.

Notification had previously been received that Councillor D.J. Snape would be in attendance as the substitute for Councillor C.I. Lea.

2. 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.

3. Minutes

RESOLVED:

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 13 April, 2017 be approved as a correct record and signed.

4. Pavement Café & Commercial Policy 2017

Consideration was given to the report of the Managing Director (Enclosure 4.1 – 4.78 of the Official Minutes of the Council).

Mr. D. Prosser-Davies, Food, Safety and Licensing Manager representing the Council outlined the Policy and sought any further comments from Members on the Policy prior to it being recommended to Council for approval.

He advised that following the close of the consultation, further comments had been received asking why the Policy would not apply across the District and why the Policy did not cover other areas such as industrial estates. In response, the

Officer advised that the Policy formed part of the Council's Better Skills Jobs and Skills Work Programme for 2016-17 which included town centres only.

A Member referred to the proposed Policy and expressed concern that vehicles parked up on grass verges and advertising goods needed to be challenged. The Member was advised that he should liaise with the Planning department as there are planning regulations regarding this.

Members asked for details of the disability groups involved in the consultation process.

The Officer representing the Council indicated that the Council had a wide ranging database where a large number of groups would have been consulted. The Officer would confirm the list of consultees with Members.

Members then referred to Enclosure 4.76 Annex 14 the proposed fee structure for the Street Obstructions Policy and asked how the fees were made up.

The Officer representing the Council indicated that the fee would cover time, policing of the town centres and administering the scheme. He advised that he would review how the pricing structure was made up.

RESOLVED:

Members were generally pleased with the revised Pavement Cafes & Commercial Obstructions Policy (The Policy) and recognised the benefits that it could bring to the town centres.

They noted that it would be presented to full Council for approval and adoption in the late Summer/early Autumn of 2017.

However, they asked officers to:

- Consider reviewing the Policy in 12 months time and look into the feasibility of extending the Policy across the whole District
- Clarify whether local disability groups were on the list of organisations which were consulted
- Make a minor amendment to the fee structure
- Consider whether the Policy might be retitled so as to include "other obstructions"

5. Street Trading Policy 2017

Consideration was given to the report of the Managing Director (Enclosure 5.1 – 5.22 of the Official Minutes of the Council).

The Officer representing the Council outlined the changes to the Policy as a consequence of the new Pavement Café and Commercial Obstructions Policy.

A Member referred to Enclosure 5.19 Annex 1 of the report and the situation concerning vehicles parking without the relevant permit in Cannock Town

Centre which appeared to be worse on Fridays and Saturdays. She explained that she had been monitoring the situation and had made the Police, Council and Parking Enforcement aware of this.

The Officer discussed with Members the details around the use of permits and also advised that the Council's Property Services department dealt with the markets in Cannock on Fridays.

RESOLVED:

That, Members noted that the Council's Street Trading Policy (The Policy) had been updated in order to reflect changes required by the introduction of a new Pavement Café & Commercial Obstructions Policy.

The meeting closed at 12.40 p.m.

CHAIRMAN