

CANNOCK CHASE COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
LICENSING/PUBLIC PROTECTION COMMITTEE
FRIDAY, 19 AUGUST, 2005
IN THE CIVIC CENTRE, BEECROFT ROAD, CANNOCK
PART 1

PRESENT: Councillors

Easton, R. (Chairman)

Bullock L W
Burnett, J.
Daly, K.

Grice, Mrs. D.
Williams, B.

(Apologies for absence were received from Councillors R.D. Butler, F.W.C. Allen, Mrs. P.A. Ansell, G.D. Ball, I.R. Carr, D.N. Davies, E.J. Hodges, and Mrs. G.M. Whitehouse).

13. Exclusion of Public

RESOLVED:

That the public be excluded from the remainder of the meeting because of the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 7, Part I, Schedule 12A, Local Government Act 1972.

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14. Application for Variation and Renewal of a Sex Shop Licence

Consideration was given to the Not for Publication Report of the Head of Environmental Health (Enclosures 4.1-4.19 of the Official Minutes of the Council).

The representative of the Head of Environmental Health presented her report. The Applicant and the Members of the Committee were afforded the opportunity to ask questions of the Council's representative.

The Applicant's representative put forward the case for renewal of the existing sex shop licence and also for an application for variation of the current licensed opening hours so it could open on Sundays and non-religious bank holidays. Following this, Members of the Committee and the Council's representative were afforded the opportunity to ask questions of the Applicant.

The representative of the Head of Environmental Health had received three letters of objection to the variation to the licence. A further letter had been received from one of the objectors stating that they would not be present at the meeting and requesting that the letter be read out. All three letters were read out to the meeting as none of the objectors were in attendance.

Both parties summarised their cases before the Committee deliberated in private.

RESOLVED:

- (A) That the existing sex shop licence be renewed on the same terms.
- (B) That the variation to the sex shop licence opening hours be refused on the grounds that it would be contrary to the standard conditions for such establishments approved by the Council under Schedule 3 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1982 and it was considered there were insufficient reasons for departing from these conditions.

CHAIRMAN