

15 May 2008

Subject to Approval

A MEETING OF THE LICENSING BOARD

WAS HELD ON 15 MAY 2008

The Mayor (Councillor Kimber) (ex-officio) (P), Councillors Allen (P), Mrs Bailey (P), Ms Ballard (P), Bradley (P), Carter (P), Mrs Cully (P), Edgar (P), Foster-Reed (P), Murphy (P) and Smith (P).

1 APOLOGIES

There were no apologies for inability to attend the meeting.

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

3 ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

RESOLVED: That Councillor Ms Ballard be appointed as Chairman of the Board for the Municipal Year 2008-2009.

4 ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN

RESOLVED: That Councillor Foster-Reed be appointed as Vice-Chairman of the Board for the Municipal Year 2008-2009.

Following the appointment of the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Board the Board decided to adjourn until after the Adjourned Annual Council meeting in order to consider a Chairman's urgent item.

ADJOURNED MEETING
(commenced at 8.19 pm)

PART II

5 STOKES BAY ARENA LICENCE APPLICATION – APPOINTMENT OF LICENSING SUB-BOARD

By reason of special circumstances, the Chairman determined that this item be considered at this meeting notwithstanding the fact that it had not been available for public inspection in accordance with the provisions of Section 100B(4)(a) of the Local Government Act 1985.

The special circumstances were created by the necessity to hold a hearing following the statutory objection period for the above licence application. A 10 working day notice period must be given prior to such a hearing.

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The Chairman advised that the hearing should be held before a Licensing Sub-Board of three Councillors and the Board needed to determine who the Councillors should be and a date for the hearing.

The Borough Solicitor informed the Board of the statutory deadlines that had to be met in determining such a licence application. The suggestion was made to have the Licensing Sub-Board hearing on Thursday, 5 June.

A number of members expressed the concern that such an item should have been brought before the Board earlier. Officers assured members that this was the first opportunity that officers had to bring such a matter before the new Board Chairman and Members.

Board members accordingly voted upon and approved the establishment of a Licensing Sub-Board of three members (1:1:1) to meet on Tuesday, 3 June from 9.30 am. Councillor Edgar requested that his abstention from this vote be recorded.

RESOLVED: That a Licensing Sub-Board of Councillors Carter, Mrs Cully and Smith be established in order to consider the Stokes Bay Arena Licence Application on Tuesday, 3 June 2008 from 9.30 am.

The meeting concluded at 8.49 pm.

CHAIRMAN