

CITY OF NOTTINGHAM

LICENSING COMMITTEE

MINUTES

of meeting held on **15 MARCH 2004** at the

Council House from 10.02am to 12.25pm

Councillor Cresswell	(Chair)
Councillor Grocock	(Vice-Chair)
Councillor Clarke-Smith	
Councillor Ibrahim	
Councillor Packer	
Councillor Smith	
Councillor Wilson	

indicates present at meeting

78 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

An apology for absence was received from Councillor Ibrahim.

79 MINUTES

RESOLVED that the minutes of the last meeting held on 16 February 2004, copies of which had been circulated, be confirmed and signed by the Chair.

80 EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC

RESOLVED that, pursuant to Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following item as it involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 7 of Part 1 of schedule 12(A) to the Act.

81 APPEAL AGAINST DOOR SUPERVISOR REGISTRATION REFUSAL - Mr S

Consideration was given to a report of the Corporate Director of City Development, copies of which had been circulated.

The appellant, Mr S, accepted the Committee's invitation to attend the meeting and was accompanied by Mr Wilkinson, Solicitor, who presented the case on his behalf. Mr T Coulson, Service Manager, (Food and Licensing) City Development, presented the report. The Chief Constable of Nottinghamshire Police was represented by Mr M Turner, Force Solicitor.

Mr Coulson also circulated additional witness statements as an addendum to the report of the Corporate Director City Development for the Committee's consideration.

Mr Wilkinson, Mr S, Mr Turner and Mr Coulson , having made their submissions and been available for questioning, withdrew from the meeting during the Committee's deliberations.

In reaching its decision, the Committee had regard to the following:-

- (a) the City Council's policies, practices and guidelines in relation to the registration of door supervisors, in particular the Nottingham City Council door supervisor registration scheme guidance note No. 7, which states that if a registered door supervisor engages in any other conduct considered inappropriate by the City Council, the City Council may revoke the current registration;
- (b) submissions by the Corporate Director of City Development, the appellant and his legal representative Mr Wilkinson, and Mr Turner, on behalf of the Police, regarding the alleged incident.

RESOLVED that the appeal by Mr S against the decision of the Corporate Director of City Development to revoke door supervisor registration be allowed.

The public were readmitted to the meeting at this point.

82 SAFETY AT SPORTS GROUND ACT 1975 – NOTTINGHAM RACECOURSE

Councillor Wilson declared a personal interest as a director of Nottingham Racecourse Ltd, which did not preclude him from speaking or voting.

Consideration was given to a report of the Corporate Director City Development, copies of which had been circulated, in respect of the review of the General Safety Certificate for the regulated 'Grandstand' at Nottingham Racecourse, which is required to be reviewed every four years.

RESOLVED

- (1) that, subject to reference to specifically named British Standards being replaced with the words 'current relevant British Standards', the Committee was content for the General Safety Certificate for the regulated 'Grandstand' at Nottingham Racecourse to remain in force, with permission for a maximum of 2,100 spectators as detailed in the report;**
- (2) that the General Safety Certificate be reviewed in March 2008;**
- (3) that in the intervening period Committee members make annual visits to the racecourse during July each year, accompanied by representatives of the Emergency Services.**

83 SAFETY AT SPORTS GROUND ACT 1975 – HARVEY HADDEN STADIUM

Consideration was given to a report of the Corporate Director City Development, copies of which had been circulated, in respect of the review of the General Safety Certificate for the regulated stand at the Harvey Hadden Stadium, which is required to be reviewed every four years.

RESOLVED

- (1) that, subject to reference to specifically named British Standards being replaced with the words ‘current relevant British Standards’, the Committee was content for the General Safety Certificate for the regulated ‘Grandstand’ at Nottingham Racecourse to remain in force, with permission for a maximum of 706 spectators for the purpose of watching athletics, as detailed in the report;**
- (2) that the Certificate ‘holder’ be named as Ms Kirsty Smith, Harvey Hadden Acting General Manager;**
- (3) that the General Safety Certificate be reviewed in March 2008;**
- (4) that in the intervening period Committee members make annual visits to the racecourse during July each year, accompanied by representatives of the Emergency Services.**

84 PROPOSED REFORM OF PUBLIC CHARITABLE COLLECTIONS LEGISLATION

Consideration was given to a report of the Corporate Director City Development, copies of which had been circulated, advising the Committee of the Government’s intention to reform public charitable collection legislation. The proposals had been issued as a public consultation document ‘Home Office Consultation Document on Public Collections for Charitable, Philanthropic and Benevolent Purposes’ in September 2003, and officers had replied as detailed at appendix 1 to the report.

The following issues were raised:-

- it was explained that current collections legislation was in need of consolidating to take account of modern collection trends and to provide greater consistency, and that Government proposals sought to create a charity collection licensing system to be administered by local authorities;
- while there was no evidence of bogus street cash or ‘pledge’ collection activity in Nottingham, it was acknowledged that under current legislation the City Council had insufficient powers to verify and counter any such activity;
- members were supportive of Officers’ response to the consultation exercise. However, they identified several issues they asked to be incorporated into the City Council’s response. At Section 20 to the consultation exercise response it was requested that the affluence of areas where collections were to take place be a factor to consider when assessing the capacity of an area to accommodate collecting activity. Members asked that the mechanisms of appealing should a request be refused be made explicit, and clarification as why schools were exempt from proposed legislation was also requested;

RESOLVED

- (1) that the report be noted;**
- (2) that it be recorded that this Committee was in agreement with the response provided by the Authority to the consultation exercise on the reform of public charitable collection legislation;**

- (3) that the Committee's comments on the consultation exercise be forwarded to the Home Office as an addendum to the City Council's response to the exercise.**