

# **GENERAL PURPOSES LICENSING COMMITTEE**

**Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> July 2007**

**COUNCILLORS PRESENT:** The Chair (Councillor Turner), The Vice-Chair (Councillor Sareva), Councillors Brundin, Cook, Goddard and Keen.

**OFFICERS PRESENT:-** Tony Payne and Kevin Keating (Environmental Protection), Lois Stock and Daniel Smith (Legal and Democratic Services).

**ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:-** Inspector Richard Brown (Thames Valley Police), Mr Mayson Shanti (Chase Law).

## **8. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Councillors Royce and Williams

## **9. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillors Cook and Turner declared a personal interest in agenda item 4 – Street Trading, Extension of Hours (minute 11 refers) as occasional patrons of kebab vans in Oxford.

## **10 MINUTES**

Resolved to confirm as a correct record the following minutes:-

- (1) General Purposes Licensing Committee held on 29<sup>th</sup> March 2007;
- (2) General Purposes Licensing Committee held on 10<sup>th</sup> May 2007.

## **11. STREET TRADING - EXTENSION OF HOURS**

The Environmental Health Business Manager submitted a report (previously circulated, now appended) concerning a proposal to extend the hours of street trading. Kevin Keating (Street Trading Enforcement Officer) presented the report to the Committee.

He reminded the Committee that it had previously resolved to retain the termination hour for street trading of 3am. The traders felt disadvantaged by the fact that they had to cease trading when other premises around them might be able to trade beyond 3am. They had encountered difficulties in ceasing activities at 3am when their customers were seeking late night refreshment from them. The street traders would like the flexibility to trade up to 4am for at least some part of the week. Several had continued to trade after the official closing hour of 3am, but no

enforcement action had yet been taken against them as the situation was still being monitored.

Mr Mayson Shanti (Chase Law) spoke on behalf of the street traders. He re-iterated that the traders had suffered from being unable to trade after 3am, but that they were willing to make an extra contribution towards the licence fee should an extension of hours be granted to them.

Inspector Brown indicated that the Police had no objection to a six-month trial period of extended street trading hours.

Councillor Cook suggested that any change to the existing hours should be made following consultation with Central, South and West Area Committee.

Resolved that:-

- (1) Following consultation with the Central, South and West Area Committee, the hours for street trading would be extended to end at 4am on Friday and Saturday nights for a six-month trial period. Comments made by CSW Area Committee shall be dealt with by officers in consultation with the Chair and Vice Chair of the General Purposes Licensing Committee;
- (2) That the cost of a street trading licence would increase by £300 per annum (£150 for the 6 month trial period) to reflect the increased cost of the monitoring and enforcement of this initiative.

## **12. DAWSON STREET – RECLASSIFICATION AS A CONSENT STREET.**

The Environmental Health Business Manager submitted a report (previously circulated, now appended) concerning the reclassification of Dawson Street as a consent street.

Councillor Sareva informed the Committee that a great deal of consultation had been carried out via the East Area Parliament, which in its turn had organised public meetings and meetings of concerned parties.

Resolved that Dawson Street should be reclassified as a consent street.

## **13. DATE OF NEXT MEETINGS**

Resolved to note the following dates:-

12<sup>th</sup> September 2007 (if sufficient business to warrant holding a meeting)  
24<sup>th</sup> October 2007  
16<sup>th</sup> January 2008  
8<sup>th</sup> May 2008

The meeting started at 10.40am and ended at 11.10am.