

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE LICENSING COMMITTEE
HELD ON THURSDAY, 16 MARCH 2006**

COUNCILLORS

PRESENT John Boast (Chairman), Ann Zinkin, Norman Ford and Vivien Giladi

ABSENT Penny Heathwood, Chris Bond, Bambos Charalambous, Andreas Constantinides, Annette Dreblow, John Egan K.S.G, Robert Hayward, Alex Mattingly, Anne-Marie Pearce, Terence Smith and Betty Costello

OFFICERS: Sue McDaid and Pauline Bagley (Democratic Services)

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WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Councillor Boast, Chairman, welcomed everyone to the meeting.

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APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from:

- (a) Councillors Heathwood, Costello, Constantinides and Pearce (clash of meetings);
- (b) Councillors Bond, Egan, Hayward and Mattingly (unwell);
- (c) Councillors Charalambous, Dreblow and T Smith.

Apologies for lateness were received from Councillor Giladi.

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DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

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MINUTES

RECEIVED the Minutes of the meeting that took place on 30 January 2006.

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NOTED that the membership for Licensing Committee had changed prior to the meeting and that this had not been reflected on the agenda or within the Minutes. Therefore Councillor Costello should be read as a member of the Committee in place of Councillor Buckland and that Councillor Costello had given apologies for absence from that meeting.

RESOLVED that subject to the above, the Minutes of the meeting be agreed as a correct record.

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MONITORING REPORT ON THE PREMISES LICENCES ISSUED UNDER THE LICENSING ACT 2003

RECEIVED the report of the Director of Environment Street Scene and Parks (No. 328) and two tabled maps depicting (a) hotspots of all off licence premises in Enfield; and (b) a replacement map of page 18 of the agenda.

NOTED that

1. There needed to be further investigation and analysis in respect of crime and disorder figures and whether these have been affected by the extension in licensing hours.
2. The Chairman's comment that any instances of complaint would not fall within the remit of the Licensing Committee.
3. Only 28% of premises applied to vary their licence (including new applications for premises).
4. The statistics in Figure 6, Appendix A whereby 31% of licensed premises were closed by 2300 hours, 57% by 0000 hours and the vast majority of premises (91%) were closed by 0100 hours. Just 2% of premises were licensed to open 24 hours.
5. The Licensed Premises Comparisons 2004/2005 (page 30) would need further analysis once the data had been completed. Again, the Chairman commented that the information would be of interest but that any decision as an outcome would not fall within the remit of the Licensing Committee.
6. In respect of Appendix B, information on the appeals lodged against the Licensing Committee's decisions, there were a number of appeal withdrawals. Sue McDaid reported on the meetings that were taking place with residents regarding appeals and processes in respect of those cases that were going ahead. Five appeals had already been heard, with six outstanding.

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RESOLVED that

- (1) The contents of the report be noted; and
- (2) The report would be submitted to the Planning Committee to provide information regarding licensed premises as required by the guidance issued under Section 182 of the Licensing Act 2003.

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EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

NOTED that no items were considered under this item