

LICENSING AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

25 October 2021

Minutes of the Licensing and General Purposes Committee meeting held at the Town Hall, Bexhill-on-Sea on Monday 25 October 2021 at 6:30pm.

Committee Members present: Councillors R.K. Bird, G.S. Browne, S.J. Coleman, B.J. Drayson (ex-officio), K.M. Field, L. Hacking, K.M. Harmer, J.M. Johnson, C.A. Madeley, A.S. Mier and R.B. Thomas.

Other Members present: Councillors C.A. Bayliss and P.C. Courtel.

Advisory Officers in attendance: Head of Service Environmental Services, Licensing and Community Safety and Democratic Services Officer.

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- LG21/1. **ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN**
RESOLVED: That Councillor A.S. Mier be elected Chairman of the Committee for the ensuing municipal year.
- LG21/2. **ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN**
RESOLVED: That Councillor S.J. Coleman be elected Vice-Chairman of the Committee for the ensuing municipal year.
- LG21/3. **MINUTES**
The Chairman was authorised to sign the Minutes of the meeting of the Licensing and General Purposes Committee held on 19 April 2021 as a correct record of the proceedings.
- LG21/4. **APOLOGIES AND SUBSTITUTES**
Apologies for absence were received from Councillors G.C. Curtis, H.L. Timpe and Malcolm Johnston, Chief Executive.
- LG21/5. **DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST**
Declarations of interest were made by Councillors in the Minutes as indicated below:
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| Bayliss | Agenda Item 7 – Personal Interest in so far as she had been a member of the group requesting a festival to be held in Sackville Road, Bexhill. |
| Courtel | Agenda Item 7 – Personal Interest in so far as he was a Ward Member for Sackville Road, Bexhill. |
| Drayson | Agenda Item 7 – Personal Interest in so far as he had been a member of the group requesting a festival to be held in Sackville Road, Bexhill. |

Thomas Agenda Item 7 – Personal Interest in so far as he had been a member of the group requesting a festival to be held in Sackville Road, Bexhill.

LG21/6. **STREET TRADING CONTROLS**

Members received the report of the Head of Service Environmental Services, Licensing and Community Safety outlining street trading controls to be amended in Bexhill and imposing controls in Ticehurst.

The Council could designate certain streets as consent or prohibited streets for street trading. Street trading was prohibited in consent streets unless the Council had granted a consent to do so. Street trading could take place in a street not designated as either consent or prohibited. Street trading controls did not apply to news vendors, rounds men or trading on a shop forecourt.

The Chair of the Town Centre Steering Group (Councillor Bayliss) had requested that the existing consent streets for street trading for Bexhill be amended to designate Sackville Road as a consent street, to permit markets to be held there. For practicality, the consent was requested from south of the junction with Western Road to the roundabout at the end of Sackville Road. Ticehurst Parish Council had requested that street trading controls be introduced in Ticehurst within the Village Square and the surrounding roads.

In July 2021, Ticehurst Parish Council requested that the northern end of Church Street, the Village Square itself and the High Street, be consent streets which was detailed on the map marked in red at Appendix A to the report. A policy was requested to be adopted that consents would only be granted during events organised by Ticehurst Parish Council.

The Committee was requested to consider re-designating all streets in the district (Battle, Bexhill, Robertsbridge, Rye and Ticehurst) so that the extent of street trading controls throughout the district could be ascertained from one document, if designating Sackville Road as a consent street and further streets in Ticehurst.

The proposed changes would be publicly advertised (local paper, Rother District Council website, MyAlerts and in writing to the affected Parish and Town Councils) and any objections and comments would be considered by the Licensing and General Purposes Committee. Councillors would also be able to submit comments to the consultation.

Members thanked the Head of Service Environmental Services, Licensing and Community Safety for his assistance in bringing the issue to the Committee.

RESOLVED: That the Council advertises that it is minded to make street trading controls in Battle, Bexhill, Robertsbridge, Rye and Ticehurst as set down in Appendix A to the report.

(Councillors Bayliss, Drayson and Thomas each declared a Personal Interest in this matter in so far as they had been a member of the group

requesting a festival to be held in Sackville Road, Bexhill and in accordance with the Members' Code of Conduct remained in the meeting during the consideration thereof).

(Councillor Courtel declared a Personal Interest in this matter in so far as he was a Ward Member for Sackville Road, Bexhill and in accordance with the Members' Code of Conduct remained in the meeting during the consideration thereof).

CHAIRMAN

The meeting closed at 6:47pm.