



LICENSING COMMITTEE

Meeting: Thursday, 23 November 2023 at 6.30 pm in a Virtual Meeting

Present: Councillor R Baker (Chair)

Councillors J Benzer, S De Pee, S Evans, P Hardy, I Huddleston,
K Kirkham, P Mackie, R McKeown and P Roberts

In Attendance: Councillor(s) A Barrow and F Sloman

An apology for absence was received from Councillor G Scott

**24/5 TO RECEIVE DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST ON ANY MATTERS BEFORE
THE COMMITTEE**
(Agenda Item 2)

None

24/6 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING
(Agenda Item 3)

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the meeting held on 11 July 2023 be approved as a correct record.

**24/7 CODE OF CONDUCT – BUSKERS / STREET ENTERTAINERS /
PREACHERS**
(Agenda Item 4)

The Committee considered the introduction of a Code of Conduct for Buskers / Street Entertainers / Preachers for the Borough which was set out at Appendix A to the report.

It was noted that the development of a Code of Conduct was in response to a number of complaints received by the Environmental Health & Licensing Service regarding the conduct of buskers / street entertainers and preachers within the Borough.

Clarification within the Code of Conduct around the distance buskers / performers / preachers would be expected to move to after a period of 30 minutes had elapsed was requested.

RESOLVED:

That, subject to the above, the Code of Conduct as attached at Appendix A to the report, be approved.

24/8 PETS AS PRIZES
(Agenda Item 5)

The Committee considered a report which highlighted the issues with giving pets as prizes and also gave consideration to supporting the RSPCA campaign to ban outrightly the giving of live animals as prizes on council owned land.

RESOLVED:

1. That an outright ban of the giving of live animals as prizes, in any form, on High Peak Borough Council owned land is implemented; and
2. That the Council carries out a review of its current policies, and the terms and conditions of the licences and hire of Council owned land and premises, to ensure that they reflect the Council's decision at (1) above.

24/9 ENFORCEMENT UPDATE
(Agenda Item 6)

The Committee considered an update in relation to the enforcement activity undertaken within the Licensing Section in the period since the last meeting of the committee.

In relation to paragraph 3.5 of the report regarding CCTV in Taxis, members were advised that a report would be submitted to a future meeting to document evidence regarding a mandatory scheme around CCTV in taxis, although it was noted that to date, sufficient evidence has not been received to adopt a mandatory scheme. Queries were also put and answered around responsibilities around data protection in relation to mandatory and voluntary schemes.

RESOLVED:

That the report be noted.

The meeting concluded at 6.50 pm

CHAIRMAN