



Minutes of the meeting of the LICENSING COMMITTEE held on WEDNESDAY 8 JULY 2015 at 6:30pm

Present: Councillors Geaney, R Gifford, Lewis, McDonald Morris (Chair), Patey-Smith, Webb, C Williams and P Williams

Officers: D Sharkey (Corporate Director Place), N Allen (Regulatory Compliance Manager), S Crawley (Team Leader, Regulatory), E Fisher (Senior Practitioner), A Ward (Senior Practitioner), K Evans (Licensing Enforcement Officer), M Smith (Housing Finance Manager), V Blane (Solicitor P and E) N Ahmad (Solicitor P and E), L Gardner (Case Manager, Litigation) and D Imbimbo (Committee Manager).

Apologies Councillors Exon, Green and Miles

Also Present Councillor I Fraser (Campbell Park Parish Council)

LC04 MINUTES

RESOLVED -

That the Minutes of the meetings of the Licensing Committee held on 18 March 2015 and 27 May 2015, and the meetings of the Licensing Sub-Committee held on 4 March 2015 and 22 April 2015 be approved and signed by the Chair as correct records.

LC05 DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

None were declared

LC06 CASINO REVENUE

The Committee considered a report in respect of the use of funds generated through the provision of funds to the Council as a result of the grant of a Casino Licence that had been requested at the last meeting of the Committee.

The Committee had considered a report at its meeting in March and sought additional information.

The Housing Finance Manager told the Committee that the report set out how 'Greatest Benefit' was achieved from the funds available.

Members of the Committee heard from the representative of Campbell Park Parish Council who told the Committee that she was disappointed that the Casino had failed to deliver the promised benefits to the locality, in so far as of the 9 persons from the Parish to have applied for jobs at the casino none had been employed, contrary to the original premise that it would provide for localised employment and no funding had been made available to the most affected Parishes that surround the site to address issues arising such as parking and nuisance from users of the facilities.

Councillor P Williams made the same comments on behalf of Central Milton Keynes Town Council.

Members of The Committee expressed disappointment that despite this being the third occasion the matter had been considered by the Committee the report failed to provide all the expected information, in particular there was an expectation that a breakdown of the financial impact, beneficial or otherwise, for those parishes and the residents in the immediate vicinity of the facility , and, it was noted that the paper referred to the '£500,000 minimum guaranteed income revenue for use to the greatest benefit' but failed to give the actual figure which was believed to be far in excess of that figure and where these monies had been allocated. It was also commented that there appeared to be no governance in terms of policy as to how this money would be split and used.

The Corporate Director Place told the Committee that he would seek to provide information in respect of the money allocated to regeneration and a more detailed breakdown of use of the income.

Members expressed a desire to see a wider use of the funds to consider use in provision for other initiatives directly related to Licensing and Regulatory matters.

RESOLVED

That the Corporate Director, Place, provide the following information for the next meeting of the Committee;

1. The actual income figures in respect income
2. Detail of what use had been made of the those funds, and,
3. The specific benefits enjoyed by those Parishes and residents directly affected by the Casino

THE CHAIR CLOSED THE MEETING AT 6:55PM