

FALKIRK COUNCIL

MINUTE of the SPECIAL MEETING of the LICENSING BOARD held in the COUNCIL CHAMBERS, MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS, FALKIRK on THURSDAY 20 MARCH 2008 at 9.00 a.m.

PRESENT: Provost Reid, Depute Provost Black; Councillors Hughes, Kenna, Nicol, Thomson and Waddell.

CONVENER: Councillor Nicol.

APOLOGIES:

ATTENDING: Clerk; Director of Development Services and Committee Services Officer (B Douglas).

ALSO

ATTENDING: PC D Bridges, Central Scotland Police.

SECTION A

1. STATEMENT OF LICENSING POLICY – THE LICENSING (SCOTLAND) ACT 2005 – TRADING HOURS

With reference to Minutes of Meetings of the Licensing Board held on 28 November 2007 and 16 January 2008, there was submitted Report dated 17 March 2008 by the Director of Development Services advising that the Licensing Board Sub-Committee had considered responses received from various consultees, following on from a further consultation exercise with various interested parties in respect of the trading hours element within the Statement of Licensing Policy and enclosing as Appendix 1 the Report on trading hours recently considered at the Licensing Sub-Committee meeting including a summary of responses/issues received from consultees on the trading hours, as Appendix 2 the Extract of Minute relative to that meeting and as Appendix 3 a copy of the Board's existing trading hours policy under the Licensing (Scotland) Act 1976.

AGREED:-

- (a) that existing policy be maintained as per Appendix 3 to the Report subject to (b) below;
- (b) that the maximum trading hours permitted with regard to off-sales shall conform to the legislative provisions contained in the Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005, i.e. 10.00 a.m. to 10.00 p.m. Monday to Sunday;
- (c) there be no minimum charge for entry to entertainment licensed premises; and
- (d) that it be remitted to the Clerk to prepare for publication an appropriate statement reflecting the Board's decision and that this statement should be included within the Statement of Licensing Policy agreed by the Board at its meeting on 28 November 2007.

2. STATEMENT OF PRINCIPLES – THE GAMBLING ACT 2005

With reference to Minute of Meeting of the Licensing Board held on 21 November 2007, there was submitted Report dated 17 March 2008 by the Director of Development Services explaining that a consultation exercise involving appropriate consultees had taken place and that a revised Statement of Principles taking cognises of comments received where appropriate was appended as an Appendix to the Report.

AGREED:-

- (i) to note the terms of the Report; and
- (ii) to formally adopt the Statement of Principles.