

Medway Council

LICENSING AND SAFETY COMMITTEE 18 JANUARY 2002

Held at the Municipal Buildings, Gillingham

RECORD OF THE MEETING

PRESENT: Councillor Mrs Diane Chambers (chairman);
Councillor Mrs Bamber (substituting for Councillor Andrews),
Mrs Clark (substituting for Councillor Davis), Harriott,
Mrs Haydock, Luckhurst and Madhu Ruparel.

3996 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Andrews and Davis.

3997 RECORD OF THE MEETING

The record of the meeting held on 14 December 2001 was agreed and signed by the chair as correct.

ITEMS TO BE DEALT WITH UNDER DELEGATED POWERS

3998 APPLICATION FOR EXTENSION AND RENEWAL OF PUBLIC ENTERTAINMENT LICENCE - PIGGYS IN THE CITY, 186A HIGH STREET, ROCHESTER

A report was presented by the licensing co-ordinator which gave details of the application for the extension of the temporary public entertainment licence and annual renewal thereof in respect of Piggys in the City, 186A High Street, Rochester. The committee were requested to determine the application.

The licensing co-ordinator distributed a supplementary report in respect of this item in which it was stated that paragraph 4.4 of the report indicated that the applicant had complied with the application procedures as outlined in the Medway Council (Public Entertainment) Regulations 1998. Part of the application procedure was that the notice of intention to renew the licence must be given by way of display of a notice at the premises. This would enable the public to make representations to the council if they so wished.

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The statement regarding compliance contained in paragraph 4.4 of the report was based on a letter received from the applicant dated 1 January 2002, a copy of which was attached to the supplementary report.

After the agenda was despatched, complaints were received from a member of the public, that the public notice had not in fact been displayed at the premises. The licensing co-ordinator therefore inspected the premises at 2pm on 15 January 2002, (which was the 28th day after the notice was posted, according to the applicant's letter) and the notice was not on display.

The applicant subsequently informed the licensing co-ordinator that he had in fact removed the notice at 11am on 15 January 2002 prior to the committee co-ordinator's inspection at 2pm. In view of the complaints received the licensing co-ordinator informed the applicant that he was not satisfied that the public notice had been continuously on display and that he must therefore commence the 28 day display period again to ensure that the public had a proper chance to make representations. The applicant agreed to this action.

Resolved that:

- (a) the application for extension and renewal of a public entertainment licence in respect of Piggys in the City, 186A High Street, Rochester, should be adjourned to a future date.**

The meeting which commenced at 2.30pm, finished at 3pm.

Chair

Date