

ANGUS COUNCIL

MINUTE of MEETING of the **CIVIC LICENSING COMMITTEE** held in the Town and County Hall, Forfar on Thursday 13 September 2018 at 10.18am.

Present: Councillors CRAIG FOTHERINGHAM, RICHARD MOORE, BRIAN BOYD, COLIN BROWN, BRENDA DURNO, DAVID LUMGAIR, ALEX KING AND BETH WHITESIDE.

Councillor FOTHERINGHAM, Convener, in the Chair.

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Councillors David Fairweather and Gavin Nicol.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The Committee agreed to note that no declarations of interest were made.

3. MINUTE OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minute of meeting of this Committee of 9 August 2018 was approved as a correct record and signed by the Convener.

4. DELEGATED APPROVALS

There was submitted Report No 273/18 by the Service Leader - Legal and Democratic detailing applications for licences under the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982 and other miscellaneous Acts which had been granted/renewed by the Service Leader – Legal and Democratic in accordance with the Scheme of Delegation appended to Standing Orders.

The Committee agreed to note the applications detailed in the Appendix to the Report, granted/renewed under delegated powers during the period 20 July to 21 August 2018.

5. MONARCH OF THE GLEN PARK, MONTROSE

There was submitted Report No 274/18 by the Head of Communities regarding an application for the transfer of the caravan site licence for Monarch of the Glen Park, Brechin Road, Montrose in terms of the Caravan Sites and Control of Development Act 1960 from Ledingham Chalmers LLP, agents acting on behalf of Torryburn Investments Ltd, 134B South College Street, Arberdeen, AB11 6LA.

The Report advised that it was a residential caravan site with a licence for 38 residential caravans with an all year round operating period.

The Committee agreed to approve the transfer of the caravan site licence for Monarch of the Glen Park, Brechin Road, Montrose to Torryburn Investments Ltd, 134B South College Street, Aberdeen, AB11 6LA.

6. SEATON ESTATE HOLIDAY VILLAGE, ARBROATH

There was submitted Report No 275/18 by the Head of Communities regarding an application by Mr Creswell Welch, Crown Parks Limited, Seaton Estate Holiday Village, Seaton Estate, Arbroath, DD1 5SE, to increase the number of holiday static caravans at Seaton Estate Holiday Village, Arbroath.

It was noted that the new pitches were to be located on a new development within the existing site as shown in Appendix 1 to the Report. The amendment would increase the maximum number of holiday caravans that could be accommodated on site from 200 to 304 (an increase of 104 caravans). The proposed operating period for the new part of the site, was to be from 1st March to 31st January annually.

The Committee agreed: -

- (i) that the caravan site licence be amended to allow a maximum number of **304** holiday caravans on site; and
- (ii) that the operating period of the new part of the site be from 1 March to 31 January annually.

6. COMMENCEMENT OF SECTIONS 165 AND 167 OF THE EQUALITY ACT 2010

With reference to Article 6 of the minute of meeting of this Committee of 22 February 2018, there was submitted Report No 276/18 by the Service Leader - Legal and Democratic which provided members with an update and asked them to consider whether they wished to maintain a 'designated list' and, further, to consider the Options Appraisal.

A copy of a representation received from the Trade was attached as Appendix 4 to the Report.

The Committee agreed to hear Councillor Speed, who addressed the Committee and reiterated her experiences that she had encountered when trying to book or pre-book a vehicle with wheelchair accessibility for members of her family who were wheelchair users. She advised that due to the lack of wheelchair accessible vehicles within Angus, it socially excluded certain people with disabilities and prevented them from leading a normal life. By increasing this facility it would help them lead a fuller and socially inclusive life.

The Convener thanked Councillor Speed for her very informative presentation which provided the Committee with an insight into the difficulties faced by many disabled people when trying to book vehicles with wheelchair accessibility.

The Committee agreed:-

- (i) to note that a public meeting had been held with the Trade in Arbroath at the Arbroath Registration Office, 67-71 High Street, Arbroath, DD11 1AN on Tuesday 26 June between 1.00pm and 2.30pm but that no members of the Trade had attended;
- (ii) that the licensing authority should maintain a designated list and agreed:-
 - (i) to adopt Dundee City Council's current assessment criteria as per Appendix 1 to the Report, as the criteria for appointing vehicles to the designated list (and as amended from time to time);
 - (ii) to appoint all vehicles that meet the criteria to the designated list; vehicles will be appointed when they are first licensed or, for current vehicles, at their next vehicle test;
- (iii) to defer consideration of the Options Appraisal, attached as Appendix 2 and Appendix 3 to the Report to allow a further Report to be submitted to a future Civic Licensing Committee; and
- (iv) to issue a letter to the Trade stating:-
 - (i) that the Committee has determined that there was an unmet need for wheelchair accessible taxi and private hire vehicles in Angus;
 - (ii) that the Committee determined, in the first instance, that the Trade be engaged voluntarily; and
 - (iii) that the number of wheelchair accessible taxi and private hire vehicles be monitored periodically.