

STEVENAGE BOROUGH COUNCIL

**GENERAL PURPOSES
MINUTES**

Date: Monday 2 July 2012

Time: 10.00 a.m.

Place: Council Chamber, Daneshill House, Danestrete, Stevenage

Present: D Kissane (Chair), B Underwood, M Gardner, L Harrington,
C Latif, M Mckay and P Stuart.

Start/End Time: Start Time: 10.00 a.m.
End Time: 11.50 a.m

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Apologies were received from Councillors L Chester, C Hurst, L Martin-Haugh, J Mead, M Notley and J Pickersgill.

There were no declarations of interest.

With the agreement of the Chair, Item 5 was considered after Item 9.

2. TERMS OF REFERENCE

Noted.

3. MINUTES – 3 APRIL 2012

It was **RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the meeting of the General Purposes meeting held on 3 April 2012 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

4. PROCEDURE NOTE

Noted

5. STREET TRADING – CHANGE TO THE SCHEME OF STREET DESIGNATION

The Committee considered an item relating to changes to street trading. The Environmental Health Manager provided a brief background history on the

legislative framework and the process of changing the designation of a street from being prohibited to a consent street. The Environmental Manager advised that statutory public consultation and notifications had to be undertaken before resolution by Council.

The issue before Committee was the return of a street market to its historic position in High Street since Stevenage Market was moved from this site at the beginning of the 1900's. A 28 day period of consultation which commenced on 7th June 2012 would be ending on 5 July 2012.

The Officer advised that the essence of the consultation was about changing the designation of the service road between 29 and 35a High Street from a Prohibited to a Consent Street to permit its use as a "Famers" Market to be held between 8am and 6pm on not more than 12 occasions per year. The area will remain a prohibited street at all other times.

It was **RESOLVED**:

1. That the proposals for a change to the current street trading regime be agreed.
2. That the formal consultation being undertaken regarding the proposed modification of the Street Trading regime be noted.
3. That any responses received after the consultation period be delegated to the Head of Leisure, Environmental Health and Childrens' Services and the Chair of the General Purposes Committee, to review the decision and decide on the next course of action.

6. URGENT PART I BUSINESS

None

7. EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

It was **RESOLVED**:

That, under Section 100(A) of the Local Government Act 1972, the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as described in paragraphs 1-7 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act as amended by SI2006 No.88.

That, having considered the reasons for the following reports being in Part II, it be agreed that maintaining the exemption from disclosure of the information contained therein outweighs the public interest in disclosure

8. PART II MINUTES – 3 APRIL 2012

It was **RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the meeting of the General Purposes meeting held on 3 April 2012 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

9. APPLICATION TO BECOME A LICENSED DRIVER - MR K

The Chair introduced the Members, the Solicitor and Committee clerk to Mr K.

The Committee considered the facts of the case, as presented by the Licensing Manager. The Committee was advised that the issue before the Committee was to determine whether Mr K remains a fit and proper person to become a Licensed Driver.

The Chair then invited Mr K to present his case to the Committee. The Members asked Mr K a number of questions relating to convictions and failure to pay cost awarded against him.

The Licensing Manager and Mr K both made closing speeches, after which all Parties except the Members, Legal Advisor and Committee clerk withdrew from the meeting whilst the Committee considered the matters raised.

Following thorough consideration of the case by Members, Mr K and the Licensing Officers were invited back into the meeting to hear the Committee's decision.

It was **RESOLVED** that having considered all the evidence and oral representation, Mr K's application to become a Licensed Driver be REFUSED.

Mr K was informed that he has the right to appeal to the Magistrates Court within 21 days.

8. URGENT PART II BUSINESS

None

The Chair