

Licensing Committee

Wednesday, 10th March, 2021

MEETING OF LICENSING COMMITTEE HELD REMOTELY VIA MICROSOFT TEAMS

Members present: Councillor Donnelly (Chairperson);
Alderman Sandford; and
Councillors Bradley, Bunting, Collins, Howard, Hussey,
M. Kelly, T. Kelly, Magee,
Magennis, McAteer, McCabe, McCullough,
McKeown, Nicholl and Smyth.

Also attended: Councillor Gormley.

In attendance: Mr. A. Thatcher, Director of Planning and Building Control;
Mr. S. Hewitt, Building Control Manager;
Mr. K. Bloomfield, HMO Unit Manager;
Ms. V. Donnelly, City Protection Manager;
Ms. N. Largey, Divisional Solicitor; and
Ms. C. Donnelly, Democratic Services Officer.

Apologies

Apologies were reported on behalf of Alderman Copeland and Councillor Hutchinson.

Minutes

The minutes of the meeting of 17th February were taken as read and signed as correct. It was reported that those minutes had been adopted by the Council at its meeting on 1st March, subject to the omission of those matters in respect of which the Council had delegated its powers to the Committee.

Declarations of Interest

No declarations of interest were recorded.

Delegated Matters

THE COMMITTEE DEALT WITH THE FOLLOWING ITEMS IN PURSUANCE OF THE POWERS DELEGATED TO IT UNDER STANDING ORDER 37(d)

Consideration of Designating Resolutions for Street Trading Sites

The Building Control Manger reminded the Committee that, at its meeting of 18th November, approval had been granted to initiate the statutory process for the designation of seven new street trading sites across the City, which had been identified

as a result of internal application or expressions of interest received from individuals wishing to trade from new sites.

He reported that three of those sites were before the Committee for consideration and reminded the Members that, should a proposed site become designated, the Committee would further consider any subsequent applications received for a Street Trading Licence on any of the sites.

He advised that the designation process had involved seeking comments from interested parties and relevant statutory bodies, through public advertisement and consultation and that officers had consulted with the PSNI, Department for Infrastructure (Roads), Belfast City Centre Management Company for city centre sites, and local residents and businesses.

The Building Control Manager outlined the proposals, and highlighted comments which had been received from interested parties, for the following three sites:

- Castle Place, adjacent to an existing kiosk;
- 12 Lockview Road at Belfast Boat Club; and
- King Street, second parking bay moving away from Castle Court.

Based on the information presented, the Committee agreed to:

Approve the proposal for a site to trade in commodities to be determined, but excluding the sale of hot food at Castle Place, adjacent to an already existing kiosk; and

Approve the proposal for a site to trade in hot and cold non-alcoholic beverages, confectionary, ice cream and cold food or similar commodities at 12 Lockview Road, at Belfast Boat Club.

Proposal

Moved by Councillor Smyth,
Seconded by Councillor McCullough,

Based on in the information presented, including concerns which had been raised by both the PSNI and Belfast City Centre Management, that the Committee refuses the proposal for a site to trade in hot and cold food and non-alcoholic beverages at night time, at the second parking bay, moving away from Castle Court, on King Street.

Following a vote, ten Members voted for the proposal and seven against and it was declared carried.

Houses in Multiple Occupation (HMO) Licenses Issued Under Delegated Authority

The Committee noted the applications that had been issued under the Scheme of Delegation.