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Minutes of a meeting of the Miscellaneous Licences Panel held on Wednesday 14 March 2012 at City Hall, Bradford

Commenced 1605
Concluded 1655

PRESENT – Councillors

CONSERVATIVE	LABOUR	LIBERAL DEMOCRAT
Mallinson	V Greenwood	C Reid
Shah	Javed	
	Lee	
	Wainwright	

Councillor Greenwood in the Chair

5. DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

No disclosures of interest in matters under consideration were received but for the sake of clarity Councillor Shah advised that he was a Ward Member for the item relating to the registration of a village green (Minute 8).

ACTION: *City Solicitor*

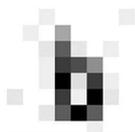
6. MINUTES

Resolved -

That the minutes of the meeting held on 20 January 2012 be signed as a correct record.

7. INSPECTION OF REPORTS AND BACKGROUND PAPERS

There were no appeals submitted by the public to review decisions to restrict documents.



Suzan Hemingway - City Solicitor

8. **APPLICATION FOR THE REGISTRATION OF LAND AS A TOWN OR VILLAGE GREEN ON LAND, KNOWN AS DYERS FIELD, AT DOUGLAS DRIVE, BRADFORD.** **Bowling & Barkerend**

The City Solicitor presented a report (**Document “C”**) which explained that an application had been received for the registration of an area of land known as Dyers Field at Douglas Drive, Bradford, as a Village Green from Mr Martin Hall supported by a number of local residents. Members were advised that the Council as Registration Authority must consider and determine the application.

The City Solicitor explained the criteria for land to be considered as a town or village green and the application process which must be undertaken. It was noted that, during this application, one objection had been received.

Members were also advised that an Inspector had been appointed and had analysed the application, undertaking the necessary legal tests. The applicant and his representatives had attended the Inquiry and had given evidence in support of the application but the objector had not attended. The Inspector had then made his report and had recommended that the application be accepted. The City Solicitor’s recommendation concurred with that.

Members commended the Inspector on the thoroughness of his report and congratulated the applicant on getting through the lengthy process of application.

The applicant stressed that he had considered it important that the land be available for all local people to use.

Resolved -

That the recommendations of the Inspector appointed to consider the evidence in relation to a village green application for land at Douglas Drive, Bradford, known as Dyers Field for the reasons set out in the Inspector’s Report appended to Document “C” be accepted and the land formally registered as a town or village green.

ACTION: City Solicitor

9. **PROPOSAL TO RELAX STREET TRADING RESTRICTIONS IN THE CITY PARK AREA OF BRADFORD CITY CENTRE** **City**

Previous Reference: Minute 4 (2011/12)

At the meeting on 20 January 2012 Members had considered a proposal to relax street trading restrictions in the City Park area of Bradford City Centre. It had been resolved that the statutory consultation period and advertisement period be initiated and that draft guidance on the criteria for granting applications for consent to trade in the defined City Park area of the city be produced.

The formal objection period for that consultation had since ended and the Assistant Director, Environmental and Regulatory Services, presented a report (**Document “B”**) which advised that no representations had been received in response to the consultation and presented draft guidance on the criteria for granting applications for consent to trade.

Members recalled that their concerns at the January meeting had centred on ensuring high quality trading in the City Park. They were advised that there was no intention to have regular trading in this location and that, at the moment, only sales of ice-cream were being considered for the summer months. Any other application would be brought to this Panel for consideration and major events would be covered by separate guidelines.

Members were concerned about the value of this Panel considering the draft guidance document in isolation and considered that there should be a District Wide Policy which should be considered by the Regulatory and Appeals Committee to ensure that officers and applicants alike were covered by a Policy which was both fair and robust.

Members considered that the draft guidelines being considered today should be accepted until such time as they could be incorporated into a full District Wide Policy.

Resolved -

- (1) That the proposal to designate the “City Park” area of Bradford City Centre as a consent area for the purposes of street trading be adopted**
- (2) That the adoption of the draft “City Park” Street Trading Consent guidelines attached at appendix 2 to Document “B” as a guide to decision making be authorised subject to the amendment of the appendix to make it clear that it is a guideline document rather than a formal policy and subject to the amendment of paragraph 12.1 of the appendix to read:**

“Any enforcement action taken by the Council will be in accordance with its enforcement policy and will take into account the Government’s Enforcement Concordat and the Regulatory Compliance Code.”

- (3) That the Assistant Director Environmental and Regulatory Services in consultation with the Assistant Director Economic and Property be requested to produce a District Wide Street Trading Policy by 1 October 2012 following consultation with relevant ward members and town centre managers and that the Regulatory and Appeals Committee be requested to consider that policy.**

ACTION: Assistant Director, Environmental and Regulatory Services and Assistant Director, Economical Development and Property

Chair

Note: These minutes are subject to approval as a correct record at the next meeting of the Panel.