

ANGUS COUNCIL

MINUTE of HYBRID MEETING of the **CIVIC LICENSING COMMITTEE** held in Town and County Hall, Forfar on Thursday 9 January 2025 at 10.15am.

Present: Councillors GEORGE MEECHAN, LLOYD MELVILLE, KENNY BRAES, BRENDA DURNO, CRAIG FOTHERINGHAM, GAVIN NICOL, JILL SCOTT, TOMMY STEWART and BETH WHITESIDE.

Councillor MEECHAN, Convener, in the Chair.

1. APOLOGIES

An apology for absence was intimated on behalf of Councillor Ross Greig.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND STATEMENTS OF TRANSPARENCY

There were no declarations of interest or statements of transparency made.

3. MINUTE OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minute of meeting of this Committee of 14 November 2024 was approved as a correct record and signed by the Convener.

4. DELEGATED APPROVALS

There was submitted Report No 1/25 by the Director of Legal, Governance and Change detailing applications for licences under the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982 and other miscellaneous Acts which had been granted/renewed by the Director of Legal, Governance and Change in accordance with the Scheme of Delegation to Officers.

The Committee agreed to note the applications detailed in the Appendix to the Report, which had been granted/renewed under delegated powers during the period 22 October 2024 to 12 December 2024.

5. ANIMAL WELFARE ESTABLISHMENT APPLICATION

There was submitted Report No 2/25 by the Director of Legal, Governance and Change regarding an application received for a new licence under the Animal Welfare (Licensing of Activities Involving Animals) (Scotland) Regulations 2021 which was required to be determined by the Committee, as detailed in the Appendix to the Report.

(a) All Bullie Characters Rescue, HAPPAS Canine Centre, Happas, Forfar

The Committee considered a new grant application for an Animal Welfare Establishment licence received on 22 October 2024 by Kerry Anne Shaw on behalf of All Bullies Character Rescue in respect of HAPPAS Canine Centre.

As required by the Regulations an Inspector's Report in terms of Regulation 12 had been received from Environmental Health which indicated that the grant of the application would not be appropriate in the circumstances as the applicant would be unable to comply with the standard conditions as detailed in Appendix 2 of the Report.

Ms Shaw was present and addressed the Committee and requested that the application be deferred to allow her legal representative to be present.

The Committee agreed that the application be deferred to the meeting of this Committee on 13 February 2025 to allow the applicants legal representative to be present.

6. NEW APPLICATION – ANIMAL BOARDING ESTABLISHMENT

There was submitted Report No 3/25 by the Director of Legal, Governance and Change regarding an application received for a new licence under the under the Animal Boarding

Establishments Act 1963 which was required to be determined by the Committee, as detailed in the Appendix to the Report.

(a) Forfar Dog Hotel, 28 North Loch Road, Forfar

The Committee considered an email from Environmental and Consumer Protection dated 4 December 2024 advising that they were objecting to a new grant application for a licence for an Animal Boarding Establishment received on 6 November 2024 from Douglas Mercer, Forfar Dog Hotel, 28 North Loch Road, Forfar, DD8 3LS.

The Clerk advised members that the applicant had now withdrawn his application.

The Committee noted the position.

7. NEW APPLICATION FOR HOUSE IN MULTIPLE OCCUPATION LICENCE

There was submitted Report No 4/25 by the Director of Legal, Governance and Change regarding an application received for a House in Multiple Occupation Licence under the Housing (Scotland) Act 2006 which required to be determined by the Committee, as detailed in the Appendix to the Report.

(a) 88 East High Street, Forfar, DD8 2ET

The Committee considered an application from Cito Cimo Properties Limited, 166 Great Western Road, Aberdeen, AB10 6QE for a House in Multiple Occupation licence received on 31 October 2024. The application was to provide accommodation for long term residents, including students, who would occupy the premises as their main home whilst resident in Angus at 88 East High Street, Forfar, DD8 2ET. The property comprised 8 rooms (including the kitchen) and the application proposed a maximum of 6 residents at any one given time.

Mr Cowie, agent for the applicant was present and addressed the Committee and advised that the outstanding works would be completed within a few months.

Mrs Thom, Building Standards Manager addressed the Committee and confirmed that the works were still outstanding and that Building Standards officers would require to re-inspect the property once the works had been completed.

Mr Cowie then summed up.

The Committee agreed to grant the application, subject to standard conditions and the following additional condition: -

That the property is not used as a House in Multiple Occupation until Building Standards have confirmed all the building work still required has been completed to their satisfaction, and a Completion Certificate is provided.

8. SEATON ESTATE HOLIDAY VILLAGE – CARAVAN SITE LICENCE (HOLIDAY & TOURING)

With reference to Article 4 of the minute of special meeting of this Committee of 5 September 2024, there was submitted Report No 5/25 by the Director of Vibrant Communities and Sustainable Growth regarding an application for a caravan site licence, for holiday use, in terms of the Caravan Sites and Control of Development Act 1960 received from Mr Creswell Welch, Crown Parks Limited, Seaton Estate Holiday Village, Seaton Estate, Arbroath, DD1 5SE. Confirmation had been received from the Planning Division that all relevant planning permissions were in place.

The Manager, Environmental and Consumer Protection addressed the Committee.

The Committee agreed: -

- (i) to grant a caravan site licence, for holiday use to Mr Creswell Welch, Crown Parks Limited, Seaton Estate Holiday Village, Seaton Estate, Arbroath, DD1 5SE subject to the site's compliance with the "Model Standards" for holiday caravan sites;

- (ii) that the maximum number of 304 holiday static caravans and 25 touring pitches be stationed on site at any one time; and
- (iii) that the operating period for the holiday part of the site be 1 March to 31 January each year.