



Minutes

Name of meeting	LICENSING AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE
Date and time	FRIDAY, 18 MAY 2012 COMMENCING AT 10.00 AM
Venue	COUNCIL CHAMBER, COUNTY HALL, NEWPORT, ISLE OF WIGHT
Present	Cllrs Richard Hollis (Chairman), Jonathan Bacon, Reg Barry, Paul Fuller, Heather Humby, Arthur Taylor, Ian Ward, Margaret Webster, Jerry White, David Williams
Officers Present	Marie Bartlett, Laura Gaudion, Amanda Gregory, Julie Martin, Bill Murphy, Kevin Winchcombe
Apologies	Cllr Susan Scoccia

1. [Minutes](#)

RESOLVED :

THAT the Minutes of the meeting held on [12 December 2011](#) be confirmed.

2. [Declarations of Interest](#)

Councillor David Williams declared a Personal and Prejudicial interest, in Minute 3, as he had signed a letter of objection in relation to the premises licence. He was not party to the discussion and voting thereon.

Councillor Paul Fuller declared a personal interest, in Minute 3, as he was part of the Licensing (Determinations) Sub Committee which had approved the premises licence.

3. **Report of the Strategic Director of Economy and Environment**

[Determination of an application \(WOWFest 12\) under Section 5 of Isle of Wight County Council Act 1971 \(As Amended\)](#)

Copies of the draft Notice and late representations were circulated. There was a short adjournment to enable all parties to read those documents.

Members were advised of the background to the application and the options available to them. The notification had been submitted on 13 April 2012 for an

event to be held 16 – 20 August 2012. The consultation started on 16 April 2012 and ended on 27 April 2012. The Counter Notice should then have been issued by 11 May 2012 but with the agreement of the applicants this was extended to 25 May 2012.

The Isle of Wight Act allows conditions to be set for the entire time the event is taking place. Each organisation had made representations for costs, although there was also the provision for a financial bond for any unknown expenses.

There was some debate with regard to the perimeter fencing, the applicants were currently engaging a fencing contractor. The Committee was told that a condition could be added ensuring that the fencing was in place by a stated date. If any of the conditions were not complied with, the Local Authority could take enforcement action. There was some concern with regard to people wandering onto the site from the Sunshine Trail, Members were advised that the trail would be fenced off and stewarded. It was also noted that there would not be any restrictions in place with regard to footpaths in the surrounding area.

There was some concern that the Traffic Management Plan had not yet been agreed, although comments from Highways were based on estimates from other festivals across the Island. There was some suggestion that Highways request a financial bond to provide for any road sweeping/cleaning not already provided for should there be adverse weather conditions.

Concern was raised regarding pollution to Scotchells Brook, members were told that the Environment Agency had originally objected, as the proposed site is located in a drinking water protection zone, but subject to conditions had withdrawn their objections.

Members were advised by their legal representative that any decision made by them was to be based on the information provided with the application. Members could not prohibit the event taking place on the grounds of insufficient information, although they could adjourn to allow further details to be provided at a later date. The Committee was reminded that a notice, either prohibiting the event or allowing the event with the imposition of conditions, must be served by 25 May 2012. If the notice was not served on time the event would go ahead on the basis on which the notification was received by the Local Authority. The only possible exception was if the Local Authority and applicant could reach an agreement to further extend the deadline.

Sergeant D Steele, who was representing the Chief Constable, confirmed the Police would have enough resources to cover the event and they were to be paid by 31 May 2012. He asked that the title within the Notice relating to Public Order conditions be moved from its location in the draft just above condition 101 to include condition 99 and 100. Members agreed to that. He also advised the Committee that the Crime Prevention Strategy would be wide ranging

RESOLVED:

- (i) THAT to permit the assembly (the event) and issue a Notice containing conditions (as set out in Appendix 6 of the report and as amended following late representations), and subject to the provision of a financial bond for the possible additional costs of the Isle of Wight NHS and the (as yet) unquantified costs of Southern Water, the Environment Agency and the Highways Authority.
- (ii) THAT the amount to be requested by way of a bond be delegated to the Director of Economy and Environment and/or the Head of Planning and Regulatory Services to be set in consultation with the authorities.

CHAIRMAN