



# Minutes

Name of meeting	<b>LICENSING AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE</b>
Date and time	<b>MONDAY, 20 JULY 2009 COMMENCING AT 4.00 PM</b>
Venue	<b>COMMITTEE ROOM ONE, COUNTY HALL, NEWPORT, ISLE OF WIGHT</b>
Present	Cllrs Susan Scoccia (Chairman), Jonathan Bacon, Heather Humby, Colin Richards, Jerry White, David Whittaker
Officers Present	David Curtis-Botting, Julie Martin, Claire Thomas
Apologies	Ivan Bulwer, Arthur Taylor, David Williams

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## 1. Minutes

### RESOLVED :

- (a) THAT the Minutes of the Licensing Committee meeting held on [10 November 2008](#) be confirmed subject to the following amendments :

Minute 6 paragraph 3 the word 'insurance' to be replaced with 'running'.

Minute 6 paragraph 4 insert the following :

After, The Committee insert 'asked many questions on'.

After, had been used insert 'in calculating the overall running costs'.

After, ¼ of a mile insert 'but this figure was not used'.

- (b) THAT the Minutes of the General Purposes Committee meeting held on 14 May 2009 be confirmed.

## 2. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations received at this stage.

## 3. Report of the Head of Community Safety Service

### Adopting Model Standards 2008 for Caravan Sites in England

The Committee was advised that the use of land for caravan sites was controlled by the Town and Country Planning Act 1990. The Model Standards

2008 replaced the document "Model Standards 1989: Permanent Residential Mobile Home Sites" and would only apply to sites which contained caravans that were used as permanent residential units. The guidance from Secretary of State suggested that the standards would be applied to new sites and sites that had been substantially redeveloped.

Consultation on the document commenced on 19 December 2008 and was advertised in the Isle of Wight County Press, the Council's website and was available in all public libraries around the island. The consultation ended on 19 March 2009. A presentation evening had been held at County Hall, Newport on 22 January 2009 and was attended by eighteen people. Eight completed questionnaires from residents of the sites were also received.

There were currently fifteen residential sites on the island and it was anticipated that each inspection visit and administration associated with that would take approximately four hours per site. This was a statutory function and was already accounted for. There would therefore be no additional cost associated with the adoption of the model standards.

The local authority was under a statutory duty to have regard to the model standards and whilst they did not have to unquestioningly adhere to the model standards, any departure from them should be exceptional and only where there were material reasons for doing so. The local authority was at a lesser risk of challenge if their standards reflected the model standards.

RESOLVED :

THAT the Model Standards 2008 be adopted for all new sites and sites that had been substantially redeveloped, and to disapply the 1989 standards but to have regard to the 2008 standards if attaching additional conditions to amended licences if appropriate.

CHAIRMAN