

**LICENSING BOARD
26 NOVEMBER 2003**

Present: Councillors Charlesworth, Hancock (in the Chair), Lock, Rushbrook (as the duly appointed substitute for Cllr Scott) and Sabetian (as the duly appointed substitute for Cllr Daniel)

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Daniel and Scott

The Board asked that their best wishes be sent to Cllr Daniel for a speedy recovery from his operation.

33. MINUTES

RESOLVED – that the minutes of the meeting held on 29 October 2003 be agreed.

34. EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC

RESOLVED - that the public be excluded from the meeting during the consideration of the items of business listed below because it is likely that, if members of the public were present, there would be disclosure to them of 'exempt' information as defined in the paragraphs of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972

<u>Minute No.</u>	<u>Subject Matter</u>	<u>Paragraph No.</u>
36(E)	Licensed driver accumulating excess penalty points – DR366	12A
37(E)	Application for hackney carriage/private hire vehicle drivers licence with current convictions	12A

35. THE G SPOT NIGHT CLUB, 39/41 GEORGE STREET – APPEAL AGAINST REFUSAL TO RENEW PUBLIC ENTERTAINMENTS LICENCE

The Borough Solicitor submitted a report regarding the outcome of the recent appeal against the Council's refusal to renew the Public Entertainments Licence in respect of the G Spot Night Club. The Police had also applied for a Revocation of the Justices' Licence and it had been agreed that these two matters would be heard together by the Hastings Magistrates' Court.

At the hearing on 5 November 2003 Counsel for the G Spot Night Club proposed a package of conditions to address concerns raised by both the Council and Sussex Police. These were found to be satisfactory by the Council, Sussex Police and the

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Magistrates, which meant that the appeal against the refusal to renew the Public Entertainment Licence was allowed.

This Public Entertainment Licence will be due for renewal on 31 January 2004 and will come back before the Board so that members can consider if the conditions agreed are being complied with.

RESOLVED – that:

- 1) the report be noted: and**
- 2) a report on the Safer Streets Initiative be brought to the Board at a future meeting.**

36(E). LICENSED DRIVER ACCUMULATING PENALTY POINTS – DR366

The Executive Director, Environment and Safety, submitted a report regarding a licensed driver who had accumulated penalty points on his Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Vehicle Licence.

The driver was present at the meeting.

RESOLVED (by 3 votes to 2) – that the driver’s Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Vehicle Licence be suspended for a total of fourteen days due to the fact that the driver had breached four conditions of his licence in one day.

37(E). APPLICATION FOR HACKNEY CARRIAGE/PRIVATE HIRE VEHICLE DRIVERS LICENCE WITH CURRENT CONVICTIONS

The Executive Director, Environment and Safety, submitted a report regarding an application that had been received for a Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Vehicle Licence from a person who had current convictions.

The applicant was present at the meeting.

RESOLVED (by 4 votes to 0) – that a licence be refused due to the fact that the applicant was not considered to be a fit and proper person to hold a licence for the following reasons:

- 1) the nature of the two recent offences; and**
- 2) the fact that there was only a short a period of time between these two offences being committed.**

(The Chair declared the meeting closed at 8.40pm)