

Present

*Cllr T de Galleani – Chairman
*Cllr I A Pritchard – Vice-Chairman

#Cllr P F Allen
*Cllr M Baillie
Cllr L M Barnes
*Cllr G B F Coles
#Cllr R W I Cooke (Deputy Mayor)
*Cllr D M Gent
*Cllr R M Lyon (Town Mayor)
Cllr S Smith

*Denotes attendance
#Denotes apology for absence

Observers: Cllr R F Rendle

1. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.

There were none.

2. DEVON MINERALS PLAN FROM DEVON COUNTY COUNCIL.

Members discussed the Devon County Council Minerals Plan. It was felt that its effects on the Dartmouth area were minimal. The Plan was noted.

3. GAMBLING ACT 2005 – CONSULTATION ON DRAFT GAMBLING STATEMENT OF PRINCIPLES FROM SOUTH HAMS DISTRICT COUNCIL.

Members discussed the South Hams District Council consultation re the Statement of Principles on the Gambling Act 2005. Members felt that the Town Council should ask to be consulted on any future license applications in the Town.

4. THE LICENSING ACT 2003 – CONSULTATION ON DRAFT LICENSING POLICY FROM SOUTH HAMS DISTRICT COUNCIL.

Members discussed the South Hams District Council consultation on their Licensing Act 2003 policy.

The Committee wished that following comments would be made as part of the Town Council's response to the consultation:-

- Applications or re-applications from take-away establishments should include provision of additional waste receptacles and payment should be made for the emptying of these.
- Drinking on the streets should be limited, with outside tables only allowed for the consumption of alcohol with food.
- Noise levels should be monitored to prevent nuisance.
- Large scale public events should be monitored with large deposits (£1,000+) taken against possible damage caused.

Members discussed damage to the trees in the Royal Avenue Gardens caused by the marquees for the Food Festival. The Mayor would raise the use of the Royal Avenue Gardens for commercial enterprises with the Chief Executive of South Hams District Council at their meeting on 2nd November 2015.

Proposed: Cllr D M Gent
Seconded: Cllr G B F Coles

Recommended: That the Clerk investigate whether the Dartmouth Food Festival had permission to cut back the trees in the Royal Avenue Gardens, and had this not been obtained, to write to the festival organisers to express the Town Council's disapproval.