

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL

REGULATION COMMITTEE MEMBER PANEL

MINUTES of a meeting of the Regulation Committee Member Panel held at Sessions House, County Hall, Maidstone on 11 April 2008.

PRESENT: Mr M J Harrison (Chairman), Mr A D Crowther (Vice-Chairman), Mr I S Chittenden, Mr T Gates and Mr I T N Jones.

OFFICERS: The Director, Community Safety and Regulatory Services – Mr C Bainbridge (with Mr M Alford); the Senior Transportation Engineer, Mr C Martin; and the Democratic Services Officer, Mr A Tait.

ALSO PRESENT: Ms G Ward from Landmark Chambers (representing Legal Services) and Mr D Chapman, the applicant.

UNRESTRICTED ITEMS

8. Consideration of a request for a review of a number of the special conditions attached to the licence of a premise for the solemnization of marriages at The Lost Village of Dode, Luddenham.

(Item 2 – Report by Director – Community Safety and Regulatory Services)

- (1) A visit to the site at The Lost Village of Dode had taken place prior to the meeting. It was attended by all Members of the Panel and the applicant, Mr D Chapman.
- (2) A letter from Ms M Twycross in opposition to the requested review was tabled together with representations from Mr and Mrs Phelps in support.
- (3) The Director of Community Safety and Regulatory Services explained the County Council's reasons for imposing the special conditions under review. Mr D Chapman addressed the Panel in support of the review.
- (4) RESOLVED that following review, the Special Conditions set out below be applied as follows:-
 - (a) Special Condition 7: The number of ceremonies (marriage, baby naming, renewal of marriage vows and any other ceremonies that may be offered by KCC) be restricted to 42 per year for the duration of the licence;
 - (b) Special Condition 8: Ceremonies may only be held on Thursday, Friday and Saturday each month;
 - (c) Special Condition 10: The latest start time for a ceremony from April to September inclusive will be 4.00pm. During October and from 1 December to 23 December this will be 3.00pm BST or 2.00pm GMT;
 - (d) Special Condition 11: Ceremonies may only be held between 1 April and 31 October and also between 1 December and 23 December inclusive each year;

- (e) Special Condition 12: The number of persons attending within the marriage/ceremony is restricted to 45 persons in total (to include the owner, registrars, photographer, videographer, musicians etc. and any other persons wishing to attend a ceremony); and
- (f) all other Special Conditions remain as set out in Appendix 1 to the Director of Community Safety and Regulatory Services' report.

Carried unanimously

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