

CENTRAL OTAGO DISTRICT COUNCIL

MINUTES of a meeting of the **Planning and Environment Committee** held in the Council Chambers, William Fraser Building, 1 Dunorling Street, Alexandra on **Wednesday, 15 December 2010** commencing at 4.20pm.

PRESENT: Councillor J T Lane (Chairperson), His Worship the Mayor A B Lepper, Councillors S J Battrick, B A Becker, G R Bell, T C Emmitt, C R Higginson and G M Stewart

APOLOGIES: Councillors N J Gillespie and M R McPherson

RESOLVED that the apologies be accepted.

Higginson/ Stewart

IN ATTENDANCE: P Melhopt (Chief Executive Officer), S Finlay (Corporate Services Manager) and A Pycroft (Minute Secretary)

Note: L van der Voort (Manager, Planning and Environment) and S Wilson (Environmental Health Officer) were also in attendance during the meeting.

10.6.1 **Confirmation of Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting of the Planning and Environment Committee held on 15 September 2010, are attached for information. (They have been approved by the Chief Executive Officer).

10.6.2 **Review of Gambling Venue Policy (LEG 03-01-04)**

A report from the Environmental Health Officer relating to Council's Class 4 and TAB Gambling Venue Policy, including its implementation and monitoring had been circulated.

A. RESOLVED that the report be received and the level of significance be accepted.

His Worship the Mayor / Battrick

Note: Councillor Lane and His Worship the Mayor declared an interest in item 10.6.2 Review of Gambling Venue Policy and refrained from discussion and voting on the matter.

B. RESOLVED that:

1. The Gambling Policy be retained and amended as detailed below, subject to the Special Consultative Procedure.

Clarify maximum numbers in Clause 4

The Policy needs to clarify that the maximum numbers of machines authorised at each venue is based on the number of machines operating as notified to the DIA on 22 September 2003.

Remove the need for Information disclosure in Clause 6

Clause 6 currently requires venues to disclose information about

- net expenditure (being the difference between money paid into and paid out as winnings from electronic gaming machines), and
- the total dollar value grants made directly to organisations within the Central Otago District, and
- To ensure a copy of the responsible gambling policy is in place at the venue.

The DIA already gathers some data and makes it freely available to Councils, therefore Clause 6 should be removed on the basis that it is unnecessary.

Clarify the application process in Clause 7

Clause 7 is currently unclear on how to apply for a new venue and how to increase the numbers of machines. The proposed amendments will make the application process clear for both new venues and those increasing the numbers of machines.

Remove the need for Police approval in Clause 7

The DIA undertake a police check prior to issuing the venue licence so this sub clause can be removed on the basis that it is duplication and adds no value to the TA process.

Remove a reference to fees in Clause 8

Remove reference to council officers "inspecting venues to ensure compliance with consent conditions". Council is not able to set conditions which removes the need for compliance inspections.

Remove the need for Public advertising in Clause 9

Currently the policy requires public notification for a new venue in three newspapers. However a survey of 5 other TA policy's has found that they do not require any public advertising for new TA consents or to increase in machine numbers. I recommend that this requirement be removed as public comment about establishment of venues is sought when the policy is reviewed triennially and publicly notifying each application is burdensome.

Add administrative matters in Clause 10

- i. Include 30 day turnaround requirement
- ii. Clarify officer delegation for decision

- 2. The Statement of Proposal, and the Summary of Information contain in Appendix 4 be approved for public consultation, with submissions open from 24 January 2011 until 3 March 2011.

Bell / Battrick

10.6.3 **Financial Reports**

The financial reports for the period ending 31 October 2010 had been circulated.

RESOLVED that the financial reports be received.

Becker / Bell

Note: The Chairperson provided a verbal update on recent activity in the Planning and Environment area.

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The meeting closed at 4.45pm.

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