



MINUTES OF A PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING

COASTAL CENTRE

6PM

18 OCTOBER 2012

MEMBERS PRESENT

Councillors: Jim Toogood (Chair), Debby Robinson, Carol Jones & Mark Robertson-Walker

ITEM	SUBJECT
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1	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE
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Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Jason Mack

2	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST
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Councillor Debby Robinson declared an interest in Item a) NatWest Bank.

3	PUBLIC FORUM
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There were four members of the public present.

Re: Item 5a) NatWest Bank:-

Lindsey Randerson, the current leaseholder of No. 11 (Phileas Fogg) spoke on behalf of herself and her husband Mark Randerson. They fully support the application for change of use, but are concerned about sound management within the building and, most importantly, the potential noise and disturbance on the street in the early hours of the morning (they experience serious disruption most weekends from a nearby pub).

The Chair explained that long opening hours are a concern of Ventnor Town Council, however this is licensing and not a planning issue.

Stephen Izaat, the applicant for No. 13 confirmed that the venue will be for the purpose of arts and cultural activities – an exclusive and discreet club open to members only and not an open-door establishment. This will give the operators some control over the people they attract; currently they have a temporary event licence for 80 people. Strict rules will apply about behaviour, including disruption in the community, particularly with respect to members leaving the club. Those members who abuse the rules will be removed from the membership.

Although opening hours is a licensing issue, Mr Izaat said he is quite prepared to discuss this issue and be flexible within reason as to how the entertainment is limited.

With respect to smoking, Mr Izaat said the idea is to have a smoking area in the courtyard at the back of the building.

4	MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING
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The Minutes of the meeting of 17 September 2012 were unanimously agreed by those who were present at the meeting as a correct record.

5	PLANNING APPLICATIONS
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a) P/01370/12: NATWEST BANK, 13 HIGH STREET

It was unanimously resolved:

that Ventnor Town Council supports this application. It fits well with Core Strategy DM11, *Planning for the Historic and Built Environment* and in addition will facilitate social interaction within the town's community. However, prime concerns are that licensing hours are adhered to and that the acoustics are monitored.

b) P/01456/12: LAND REAR OF ST ANNES

It was resolved:

that Ventnor Town Council sees no reason to oppose this application as it is in line with Isle of Wight Core Strategy DM2 *Design Quality for New Development* and DM11 *Historic and Built Environment*.

Councillor Debby Robinson asked that her opposition to this application be recorded.

c) P/01420 & 1421/12: BUILDER'S YARD, DUDLEY ROAD

It was resolved:

that Ventnor Town Council supports this application.

Councillors Debby Robinson and Carol Jones asked that their opposition to this application be recorded.

d) P/01364/12: MADEIRA, HUNTS ROAD, ST LAWRENCE

It was unanimously resolved:

that Ventnor Town Council supports this application as an overall improvement on the existing design in relation to Isle of Wight Core Strategy DM2 *Design Quality for New Development*.

PUBLIC FORUM

There were no members of the public present.

The Meeting closed at 7.15pm

SIGNED BY THE CHAIR:

DATE: