

**Chester Local Joint Pitch Council**  
**Minutes of the Meeting of the Chester LJPC**  
**Held on 5<sup>th</sup> April 2007**

PRESENT: Neil Pateman (NP), NJPC  
Ed Gretton (EG), Chester Racecourse  
Jim Walmsley (JW), NAB  
John Christie (JC), RAB

1. Previous Minutes

The previous minutes were approved as a true and accurate record.

2. New SP Betting Shop Proposal

EG outlined the plans to turn around four existing Tote Pool widows to face into the Pavilion Bar instead of facing the lawn area. He plans to change them into a Tote SP Betting shop. The LJPC walked around the area and unanimously agreed to the SP Betting shop. NP explained it was the responsibility of the racecourse to get Levy Board Approval.

3. Temporary New Betting Area Approval

EG explained the development work taking place at Chester racecourse including the enlargement of the Champagne Bar near the main entrance near the Paddock. He explained he proposed to have four bookmakers in this area (this area would be for the County Stand customers only). EG also stated he would like five bookmakers in the same redevelopment area that would be accessible to Tattersalls and County Stand customers. EG feels there will be a demand for bookmakers in this area and they would also add 'atmosphere'. The LJPC walked around the area. JC and JW explained that business had decreased significantly for bookmakers in Tattersalls and on the rails and they would have concerns about the new areas if the seven pitches in the original temporary new betting area were still in use, as a total of 16 pitches in new areas would be too many. EG stated he had no plans to use the original temporary betting area again unless the two new areas did not work. He would then look at using it again but felt the maximum number of bookmakers in new areas would be nine at the most. JW and JC agreed. EG asked which bookmakers would bet in these areas and NP explained the NJPC 50% mechanism rule.

EG stated he would charge five times the Tattersalls entrance fee for the Champagne area (County Stand customers) and understood that he would only be able to charge five times the entrance fee until 2012. The LJPC unanimously agreed to the temporary new betting areas. NP explained that it is the racecourses' responsibility to get Levy Board approval for these areas.

NP to send out a letter to all bookmakers explaining the new areas and inviting them to an open meeting (date to be announced) to view the redevelopment work and temporary areas.

4. Any Other Business

There was no other business