

Public Minutes of the Meeting of the Licensing Sub-Committee held on 1 August 2024 at 7.00 pm

Present: Councillors Aaron Green, Tony Fish and Sue Shinnick

In attendance: Paul Adams, Principal Licensing Officer
Elizabeth Cox, Licensing Officer
Brad Wheeler, Licensing Officer
Godwin Mangse, Legal Advisor
Emma Trencher, Senior Democratic Services Officer

Before the start of the Meeting, all present were advised that the meeting may be filmed and was being recorded, with the audio recording to be made available on the Council's website.

7. Items of Urgent Business

There were no items of urgent business.

8. Declarations of Interests

There were no Declarations of Interest.

The Chair advised that the order of the Agenda would be amended and Item 5 would be heard and determined first followed by Agenda Item 4 as the Applicant for Agenda Item 4 was not in attendance at the start of the meeting.

9. Determination of an application for a new premises licence

The Chair of the Sub-Committee advised all present of the process of the hearing. He then invited the Licensing Officer to introduce the report as outlined within the agenda.

Members and the Applicant were provided the chance to ask questions of the Licensing Officer.

- Members asked for clarification of the hours in which alcohol would be sold.

The Applicant was then given the opportunity to present his case. To support the application, the Applicant advised:

- He had 18 years of experience in this trade;
- He never sold to under 18s and abided by the under 25s challenge;
- The premises was split into two sections, one being the general store and the other where alcohol was sold and no children were permitted in the section where the alcohol was kept;

- He had agreed and would be complying with the conditions imposed on the business by the police and trading standards.

Following this Members and the Licensing Officer were given the opportunity to ask questions of the Applicant.

Clarification was sought from Members where the CCTV cameras were situated and could the outside of the premises be captured on CCTV.

The Licensing Officer then provided a short summary to the Sub-Committee.

The Applicant was asked to present a summary of his case to Members. The Applicant advised the Sub-Committee that he was a small business looking to expand and that his business would benefit the local people and the community.

The Chair sought everyone had said all they wished too; it was agreed they had. The Sub-Committee then adjourned at 7.35pm for deliberation and were accompanied by the Legal Advisor and the Democratic Services Officer.

The meeting reconvened at 7.39pm

The Legal Advisor advised that the Sub-Committee had considered the report and appendices together with the oral submissions and had determined the application to grant the premises licence under the Licensing Act 2003. In addition to the conditions placed by the Police and Trading Standards, an additional condition was imposed by the sub-committee that closed circuit television surveillance (CCTV) system must be installed to show not only entrances, exits and the areas where alcohol sales took place but to also include inside and outside the premises.

RESOLVED: That the Licensing Sub-Committee grant the premises license with the additional condition that closed circuit television surveillance (CCTV) system to be installed to show not only entrances, exits and the areas where alcohol sales took place but to also include inside and outside the premises.

10. Determination of the renewal of a Hackney Carriage Driver's Licence

The Chair of the Sub-Committee advised all present of the process of the hearing. He then invited the Licensing Officer to introduce the report as outlined within the agenda.

Members and the licence holder were provided the chance to ask questions of the Licensing Officer.

The licence holder and representative were then given the opportunity to present the case.

Following this Members and the Licensing Officer were given the opportunity

to ask questions of the licence holder.

The Licensing Officer then provided a short summary to the Sub-Committee.

The licence holder was asked to present a summary of the case to Members.

The Chair sought everyone had said all they wished too; it was agreed they had. The Sub-Committee then adjourned for deliberation at 7.19pm and were accompanied by the Legal Advisor and the Democratic Services Officers.

The meeting reconvened at 7.22pm.

The Legal Advisor advised the licence holder that compelling reasons were provided to keep their hackney carriage/private hire driver licence and therefore the licence renewal would be granted.

RESOLVED That the Licensing Sub-Committee grant the renewal of the Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Driver's Licence licence application.

The meeting finished at 7.42 pm

Approved as a true and correct record

CHAIR

DATE

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