

Licensing Sub-Committee Minutes – 11 October 2013

Attendance

Members of the Sub-Committee Cllr Mark Evans (chair)

Cllr Alan Bolshaw Cllr John Rowley

Employees

Rob Edge Sarah Hardwick Linda Banbury Section Leader (Licensing) Senior Solicitor Democratic Support Officer

Part 1 – items open to the press and public

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No.	

BUSINESS ITEMS

1. **Apologies for Absence** There were no apologies for absence.

2. **Declarations of interest** No interests were declared.

DECISION ITEMS

Licensing Act 2003 – Application to vary a premises licence in respect of Gorgeous, 32-36 School Street, Wolverhampton
In attendance
For the premises
David Campbell - Legal Advisor
Shaun Keasey - General Manager
Susan Keasey - Director, JJCA Limited
Dale Murphy - Designated Premises Supervisor
Sergio Lema - Door Supervisor

Action

<u>Objectors</u>		
Inspector Sarah Thomas-West		
and WPC Natalie Holt	-	West Midlands Police
Elaine Moreton	-	Licensing Authority
Dianne Slack	-	Trading Standards

The chair introduced the parties and outlined the procedure to be followed at the meeting. No declarations of interest were made.

The Licensing Manager outlined the report submitted to the meeting and circulated to all parties in advance and, in doing so, advised that mediation between the parties had taken place in September with conditions being agreed with the exception to that related to the last entry time.

WPC Holt indicated that she had been handed information from the applicant's legal representative that morning and would wish to seek an adjournment to obtain legal advice on the case law presented. Mr Campbell had submitted a number of documents that day and the Sub-Committee had also not had the opportunity to read them.

Mr Campbell indicated that the hearing had been listed for some time and would oppose a decision to adjourn the hearing.

EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

4. Exclusion of press and public Resolved:

That in accordance with Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business as it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information falling within paragraph 3 of Schedule 12A of the Act. All parties, with the exception of the Council's Solicitor and Democratic Support Officer, withdrew from the meeting at this point.

Part 2 – exempt items, closed to the press and public

5. **Deliberations and decisions**

The Solicitor advised that, whilst she was able to advise on the case law presented by Mr Campbell, she understood that the Police may wish to seek independent legal advice.

6. **Re-Admission of Press and Public**

Resolved:

That the press and public be readmitted to the meeting.

Part 1 – items open to the press and public

7. Announcement of Decision

Mr Campbell requested that the Police provide full details of the incidents in the schedule submitted to him within 7 days and that he be afforded 7 days within which to provide a written response before the adjourned hearing takes place.

Resolved:

That, in order to enable the submission of the above mentioned information, the Sub-Committee be adjourned at this point and re-convened at 1300 hours on Friday 1 November 2013.

Rob Edge Linda Banbury