

CITY OF
WOLVERHAMPTON
COUNCIL

Statutory Licensing Sub-Committee

Minutes - 17 April 2019

Attendance

Members of the Statutory Licensing Sub-Committee

Cllr Alan Bolshaw (Chair)

Cllr Zee Russell

Cllr Rita Potter

Premises Licence Applicant

Heath Thomas

Orville Hines

Solicitor

Applicant

Employees

Sarah Hardwick

Donna Cope

Elizabeth Gregg

Fern Lovell

Senior Solicitor

Democratic Service Officer

Senior Licensing Officer

Law Student (Observing)

Responsible Authorities

Sgt Steph Reynolds

Debra Craner

Elaine Moreton

West Midlands Police

Environmental Health

Licensing Authority

Item No. Title

1 Apologies for absence

There were no apologies for absence.

2 Declarations of interest

There were no declarations of interest.

3 Licensing Act 2003 – Application for a Premises Licence in respect of The Harp, Walsall Street, Wolverhampton, WV1 3LP

An application for a Premises Licence in respect of The Harp Inn, Walsall Street, Eastfield, Wolverhampton, West Midlands, WV1 3LP was considered following representations received from West Midlands Police, Environmental Health and The Licensing Authority.

The Chair led round-table introductions and outlined the procedure to be followed.

Elizabeth Gregg, Senior Licensing Officer, provided an outline of the application. Heath Thomas, Solicitor representing the Applicant, Orville Hines, confirmed that the summary was accurate.

The Chair invited the Applicant to present the application. Heath Thomas, Solicitor representing the Applicant, stated that Sgt Stephanie Reynolds, West Midlands Police, wanted to address the Sub-Committee first.

Sgt Reynolds addressed the Sub-Committee and requested that the Hearing be adjourned. She explained that Mr Thomas had requested a substantial amount of evidence which she had not been able to provide due to work commitments and staff shortages. She stated that Mr Thomas had agreed to adjourn the Hearing for one week, but due to the large amount of evidence requested, Sgt Reynolds advised that one week would not be sufficient.

The Chair afforded Mr Heath Thomas the opportunity to express his views on the request for an adjournment.

Mr Thomas sympathised with Sgt Reynolds but stated it would be unfair on his client to adjourn the Hearing. He stated that Sgt Reynolds had been given sufficient time to provide the evidence requested and confirmed that his client did not wish to adjourn.

The Chair afforded all parties present the opportunity to express their views on the request for an adjournment.

All parties did so.

The Sub-Committee adjourned at 10:25 hours.

The Hearing reconvened at 10:45 hours.

The Chair confirmed that the decision of the Sub-Committee was to adjourn the Hearing and a new date was proposed. All parties failed to agree on the proposed date so further discussions took place.

The Sub-Committee adjourned at 10:50 hours.

The Hearing reconvened at 11:00 hours.

The Sub-Committee agreed to adjourn the Hearing in the interest of fairness and to ensure a decision would be based on all the evidence provided.

Resolved:

1. All parties confirmed they had no objections to the request and the Sub-Committee agreed to adjourn the hearing until Tuesday 14 May 2019 at 10am.

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