

MINUTES of a meeting of the LICENSING SUB COMMITTEE held in the Council Offices, Coalville on WEDNESDAY, 24 APRIL 2019

Present: Councillors R Ashman, K Merrie MBE and M Specht

Officers: Mrs L Arnold, Mr P Dennis and Mrs R Wallace

Interested Parties: Mr E Wigstead (Applicant)

## **1 ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN**

It was moved by Councillor M Specht , seconded by Councillor K Merrie and

RESOLVED THAT:

Councillor R Ashman take the chair for the remainder of the meeting.

## **2 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

There were no apologies for absence received.

## **3 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

Councillor K Merrie declared non-pecuniary interest as a customer of the premises.

## **4 APPLICATION FOR A VARIATION OF A PREMISES LICENCE**

The Legal Advisor reported that neither of the interested parties that had submitted a representation was in attendance. She advised that in accordance with the Hearing Regulations 2005, the hearing could continue in their absence but it was decision for the Members as to whether to proceed. It was agreed by all Members to proceed with the hearing in the interested parties' absence.

The Chairman introduced the parties and outlined the procedure to be followed.

The Hearing Regulations 2005 stated that the Authority must allow parties an equal period of time in which to present their evidence. It was agreed that the maximum time limit for each presentation be ten minutes.

The Licensing Enforcement Officer presented the report to Members highlighting the steps taken by the applicant to promote the four licensing objectives and the representations received.

There were no questions for the Licensing Enforcement Officer.

Mr E Wigstead, the applicant, addressed the Sub-Committee. He explained that the premises was a bottle shop, which sold premium quality beer, cider and spirits for consumption off the premises. The purpose of the variation of the premises licence was to provide customers with the chance to sample the products on the premises, whilst gaining knowledge and information to enable them to make better-informed purchases for consumption off the premises. Mr E Wigstead went on to address each of the concerns raised in the representations:

Parking – he explained that during the last two years the business had been operating, there had been no incidents with customers parking outside of the premises. There was no parking provision as the carpark at the rear of the premises was for the employees of the adjoining business.

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Overcrowding – He explained that the shop was designed with a large open space, with health and safety in mind. He added that there had been no issues with overcrowding at the previous events.

Toilet Facilities – He explained that there was appropriate toilet facilities that had been recently refurbished.

Noise – He explained that the music within the premises was background music only and was played through a small Bluetooth speaker that was displayed to Members at the meeting. There was signs displayed on the premises to ask customers to leave quietly and it was confirmed that there had been no previous noise complaints.

Access to the premises – He explained that the back entrance would not be used by customers, unless in an emergency.

Mr E Wigstead outlined the additional steps taken to promote the four licensing objectives as detailed within his application.

In response to a question from Councillor M Specht, Mr E Wigstead stated that customers used the pavement outside the entrance to the premises to smoke. He assured Members that the pavement at the front of the premises was swept at the end of each day and there was never an issue with cigarettes butts.

Mr E Wigstead and the Licensing Enforcement Officer made brief closing statements reiterating points made earlier in the meeting.

At 6.51pm the Sub-Committee adjourned to consider its decision. The Sub-Committee reconvened at 6.55pm.

RESOLVED THAT:

The application be granted.

The meeting commenced at 6.30 pm

The Chairman closed the meeting at 7.00 pm

Chairman's signature