

**MINUTES OF: LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE
HEARING UNDER THE LICENSING ACT 2003**

DATE OF MEETING: 21st November 2013

**PRESENT: Councillor Gill (Chair)
Councillors Crawforth and Shipley**

**IN ATTENDANCE: Mr D Dobson, Licensing and Enforcement Officer
Mr B Taylor, Licensing and Enforcement Officer
Miss M Hargreaves, Hearing Administrator
Mr R Bingham, Legal Advisor
Mr RAH, Applicant
Sergeant MD, Police Representative**

1. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRPERSON OF THE SUB-COMMITTEE

Resolved:

That Councillor Gill is appointed as Chairperson of the Sub-Committee.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND NOTIFICATION OF SUBSTITUTES

There were no apologies for absences submitted.

3. CHAIRMAN'S INTRODUCTION

The Chair welcomed all parties to the meeting and asked the members of the Sub-Committee and Council officers to introduce themselves.

The Chairman asked the Applicant and the Police to introduce themselves.

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were made.

5. EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS

Resolved:

That the public and press be excluded from the remainder of the meeting under Section 100 (A)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, since the item for discussion involves the likely disclosure of exempt information under Paragraph 1 and 2 of Schedule 12A of the Act.

6. APPLICATION FOR A PERSONAL LICENCE - MR RAH

Preliminary Matters

- 6.1 The Legal Advisor asked all parties whether anyone wished to withdraw their representations. It was confirmed that no parties wished to withdraw their representations.
- 6.2 The members of the panel were advised by the Legal Advisor as to their duties under Section 4 of the Licensing Act 2003 to at all times consider the promotion of the licensing objectives, being:-
1. the prevention of crime and disorder, and that this was the particular objection to be considered with regard to this application
 2. public safety
 3. the prevention of public nuisance
 4. the protection of children from harm
- 6.3 Members were also advised of their duties in carrying out those functions in relation to:-
- a) the Council's published Statement of Licensing Policy
 - b) the guidance issued by the Secretary of State as contained in section 182 of the Licensing Act 2003 which was updated in April 2012
- 6.4 Also the duty under Section 17 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 to have due regard to the likely effect of the exercise of the licensing function and the need to prevent crime and disorder.
- 6.5 The panel also had due regard to the European Convention on Human Rights and in particular that everyone has the right to peaceful enjoyment of his possessions, respect for his private and family life, his home and his correspondence. A fair balance between competing interests must be considered.

Hearing Process

- 6.6 The Licensing Officer presented the report.
- 6.7 The Applicant had submitted an application for a personal licence under Section 117 of the Licensing Act 2003.
- 6.8 Representations in respect of the application were received within the appropriate period from the Police and in accordance with Paragraph 14, Schedule 4 of the Licensing Act 2003. It was noted that the applicant had an offence and accordingly the Police had objected to the application.
- 6.9 All written representations were contained within the report to the panel. All documentary evidence comprising the application and report were provided to all parties in advance of the Hearing.
- 6.10 Verbal representations were made to the Sub-Committee by the Applicant and the Police.

- 6.11 The Sub-Committee asked questions to the applicant and the Police.
- 6.12 The Licensing Officer, the Applicant, and the Police were allowed the opportunity to sum up their cases to the Sub-Committee.
- 6.13 The Applicant, the Interested Party and the Licensing Officers left the room to enable the Sub-Committee to determine the application. The Legal Advisor and the Hearing Administrator remained in the room.

7. DETERMINATION

- 7.1 In determining the application, the panel gave consideration to the following:-
- The applicant appeared genuine and presented his case well outlining the circumstances of the offence and resulting conviction
 - The Licensing Objectives
 - The applicants demonstration of how to deal with confrontational situations

8. DECISION:

- 8.1 After giving consideration to all the written representations and verbal representations made by the Applicant and the Interested Party; and after giving proper consideration to the Licensing Objectives, the Sub-Committee appointed under the Licensing Act 2003 decided to take the following action in respect of the application for the grant of a personal licence under Section 117 of the act:-

Resolved:-

The licence would be granted.

The Police were advised of their right of appeal and the reasons for the decision were outlined:-

- The panel felt that there would not be any risk to the promotion of the crime prevention objective in this instance.

The meeting commenced at 10.00am and closed at 10.50am