

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

Date of Meeting: Tuesday 21st March 2006

**PRESENT: Councillor H Steen (in the Chair)
Councillors Neal and Sandiford**

**IN ATTENDANCE: S Harrison, Legal Advisor
Angela Parkinson, Legal Services Manager
S Chadwick, Licensing Manager
H Moore, Executive Office Manager
J Cook, Committee Officer**

The Committee granted a 10 minute recess at 6.30pm at the request of the Applicant and the Licence Holder.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were made at the meeting.

**APPLICATION FOR THE FOR REVIEW OF PREMISES LICENCE: THE
ROYAL HOTEL, WATERFOOT**

The Chair welcomed all parties to the meeting. She introduced the Elected Members and Officers present and advised on the purpose and conduct of the Hearing in accordance with the regulations under the Licensing Act 2003, adopted by the Authority.

The Licensing Manager advised that all parties had been served with statutory notices prior to the hearing, and that additional copies were available for inspection if required.

The Hearing heard from Mr Horne representing the Applicant (Lancashire Constabulary) who informed the Committee that prior to the meeting a discussion had taken place with the Licence Holder at which some possible conditions had been agreed but this would require consideration by the Committee.

The Hearing heard from Mr Coen representing the Licence Holder (Punch Taverns) who confirmed that a discussion with the Applicant had taken place regarding possible conditions.

The Hearing heard from Mr Godwin, as an Interested Party who outlined briefly the concerns and issues of residents surrounding the Royal Hotel, in accordance with his representation.

Following representations made by all parties, Members retired from the meeting to give consideration to the application for a review of the Licence and representations made in respect thereof.

Resolved:

After giving consideration to all the written and verbal representations made this evening, by the applicant, the interested party and the licence holder; and after giving proper consideration to the Licensing Objectives, Sub-Committee appointed under the Licensing Act 2003 took the following action on the review of the premises licence for the Royal Hotel under Section 52(4) of the 2003 Act, being satisfied that the conditions of licence should be modified as follows:

1. That the hours for the licensable activities shall be:
 - Monday-Saturday 10.00am until 11.00pm
 - Sunday 10.00am until 10.30pmWith the addition of drinking up time (as set out in Annex 2 to the Licence).
2. That no functions shall take place in the first floor function room except those functions for over 25s.

The above modifications shall last for 3 months from the date of this Determination.

3. That the area outside the premises to the front, side and rear including the alleyway leading to the car park and beer garden and the beer garden itself shall be inspected every morning and cleared of any litter or offensive deposits.
4. The beer garden shall be closed to the pub clientele at 9.30pm every day.

We are satisfied that these measures are necessary to satisfy the following licence objectives:

Prevention of Crime and Disorder
Protection of Public Safety
Prevention of Public Nuisance
Protection of Children from Harm

There is a right of appeal for all parties before the Magistrates Court within 21 days of the date of this Determination.

CHAIR'S CLOSING STATEMENT

The Chair quoted the Licence Holder's representative, Mr Coen, and confirmed that it was felt this was a "last chance saloon attempt". She noted that the Council would be monitoring the conditions of the licence to ensure that they are being complied with. She also asked that the Police and Punch Taverns themselves monitor the situation and take appropriate and immediate action.

The meeting closed at 8.35pm