

BOROUGH COUNCIL OF KING'S LYNN & WEST NORFOLK**LICENSING COMMITTEE**

Minutes from the Meeting of the Licensing Committee held on Tuesday, 27th June, 2017 at 1.30 pm in the Committee Suite, King's Court, Chapel Street, King's Lynn

PRESENT: Councillor C J Crofts (Chairman)
Councillors Miss L Bambridge and D Whitby

OFFICERS:

Noel Doran – Legal Advisor

John Gilbraith – Licensing Manager

1 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

There were no apologies for absence.

2 **ITEMS OF URGENT BUSINESS**

There was no urgent business.

3 **DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS**

There were no declarations of interest.

4 **TO CONSIDER AN APPLICATION TO VARY THE DESIGNATED PREMISES SUPERVISOR AT 7 DAYS, 122 LONDON ROAD, KING'S LYNN**

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and declared that the Sub-Committee was sitting to consider an application to vary licence to nominate individual as Premises Supervisor at 7 days, 122 London Road, King's Lynn. He introduced the Sub-Committee, the Borough Council officers and the Legal Advisor and explained their roles.

Chris Brooks from Norfolk Police introduced himself. He was accompanied by Vicky Conlon from Norfolk Trading Standards and PC Chris Spinks from Norfolk Constabulary.

The Applicant, Mr Saeyd introduced himself. He was accompanied by Ms Sawicka.

5 **PROCEDURE WHICH WILL BE FOLLOWED AT THE HEARING**

At the request of the Chairman, the Legal Advisor outlined the procedure which would be followed at the Hearing.

Chris Brook applied to the Sub-Committee to hold the rest of the Hearing in closed session. This was because he had sensitive evidence and intelligence to present to the Sub-Committee.

The Sub-Committee considered the request and it was agreed that the Hearing proceed in closed session.

RESOLVED: That in accordance with Regulation 14(2) of the Licensing Act 2003 (Hearing Regulations) 2005, the press and public be excluded from the Hearing.

6 **REPORT OF THE LICENSING MANAGER**

The Licensing Manager presented his report to the Sub-Committee and provided information on the application to vary the licence to nominate an individual as Premises Supervisor. The Licensing Manager highlighted the following:

- The Police had objected to the application and their representations had been included in the Licensing Managers report.
- The four Licensing Objectives.
- The Sub-Committee would have to have regard to the King's Lynn and West Norfolk Borough Council's Statement of Licensing Policy and the Section 182 Guidance issued by the Home Office.

There were no questions to the Licensing Manager.

7 **THE APPLICANT'S CASE**

The Applicant presented his case. Mr Saeyd and Ms Sawicka responded to questions from all parties.

8 **THE RESPONSIBLE AUTHORITY'S CASE**

Chris Brooks from the Police presented his case, calling on Vicky Conlon from Norfolk Trading Standards to provide additional evidence, and responded to questions from all parties.

9 **SUMMING UP - THE LICENSING MANAGER**

The Licensing Manager reminded those present that an application had been received to vary the licence to nominate an individual as Premises Supervisor. The Licensing Manager explained that the Sub-Committee should have regard to the Licensing Manager's report and the representations put forward at the Hearing and dispose of the matter by either granting or rejecting the application. The Sub-

Committee were reminded that full reasons for their decision must be given as all parties had a right of appeal to the Magistrates Court.

10 **SUMMING UP - RESPONSIBLE AUTHORITY**

Chris Brooks from the Police summed up his case and reiterated his concerns.

11 **SUMMING UP - APPLICANT**

The Applicant summed up his case.

12 **OUTSTANDING MATTERS**

The Council's Legal Advisor advised that there were no outstanding matters.

13 **REACHING A DECISION**

The Sub-Committee retired to consider its decision in private accompanied by the Democratic Services Officer and Legal Advisor on specific points of law.

14 **DECISION**

The Decision of the Panel was read out.

The meeting closed at 2.45 pm