

Minutes of the LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE held on MONDAY 27 MARCH 2017 at 1.05 p.m.

Present: Councillor Morris (Chair)
Councillors Exon and Wallis

Officers: L Gardner (Solicitor), K Evans (Senior Enforcement Officer), S Teesdale (Licensing and Business Team Leader) and D Imbimbo (Committee Manager)

Also Present: Ms N Law (Applicant), Mr D Prosser (Applicant) and Mr R Botkay (Licensee's Legal Representative) and Ms J Knight (Head of Legal Services).

LSC09 SUSPENSION OF COUNCIL RULE 4

RESOLVED -

That Council Procedure Rule 4 'Time and Place of Meetings' be suspended.

LSC10 VARIATION OF LICENSE APPLICATION - MRH VIKING SERVICE STATION, AYLESBURY STREET, BLETCHLEY

The Sub-Committee considered an application from MRH Viking Service Station, Aylesbury Street, Bletchley for an extension of trading hours.

The Senior Enforcement Officer informed the Sub-Committee of the following:

The premises was granted a premises licence on 13 September 2005. The existing licence permits the following:

Late Night Refreshment

Monday to Sunday 23:00 to 05:00 the following day

Supply of Alcohol

Monday to Sunday 08:00 to 23:00

The opening hours of the premises:

Monday to Sunday 00:00 to 24:00 (i.e. 24 Hours every day)

The application sought to extend the sale of alcohol to match the opening hours i.e. 24 hours a day 7 days a week.

The Sub-Committee was advised that the premises is a BP petrol station located on Aylesbury Street in Bletchley and is adjacent to a retirement home and residential properties. Aylesbury Street is also populated by various licensed premises and objections had been received from a number of residents in the area who feared that the

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proposal would result in crime and disorder problems, in particular as the premises was located on a main thoroughfare used by customers leaving a local club facility in the early hours of the morning.

It was noted that an incident of burglary at the premises had been reported on 1 January 2017.

The objectors had indicated an intention to attend the hearing but were not present at the start of the meeting. Members of the Sub-Committee confirmed that the written objections had been read.

It was also noted that objections raised by the Environmental Health Officer had been addressed by way of proposed conditions and as such those objections had been withdrawn.

The Legal representative confirmed that the proposed conditions were acceptable to the applicant. It was noted that the intention was to ensure that the doors to the premises would remain locked between the hours of 12 midnight and 6 a.m. and any sale of Alcohol would be conducted through the service window.

It was also noted that the forecourt of the garage site is large and should any groups congregate outside the shop area this would be some distance from the retirement home which is situated to the east of the site.

The Licensing and Business Team Leader asked whether there was a peak time for refusals of sale and was advised that one had not been identified. It was further confirmed that many of the vehicles and people that pull up on the forecourt do so to use the ATM rather than purchase anything from the shop.

Prior to the Sub-Committee going into private session to consider the application it was confirmed that the objectors had not attended.

Following a short adjournment the Chair invited parties to return. It was confirmed that the Sub-Committee would grant the variation of License subject to the conditions as detailed in the agenda, together with an additional condition to require that the entrance doors remain shut and locked between the hours of 12 midnight and 6a.m. and any sales to be conducted via the service window.

RESOLVED -

The decision of the Sub-Committee was to grant the application subject to the conditions as detailed in the agenda, together with an additional condition to require that the entrance doors remain shut and locked between the hours of 12 midnight and 6a.m. and any sales to be conducted via the service window

THE CHAIR CLOSED THE MEETING AT 1.32 PM

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