

Minutes

of the Meeting of the

Licensing Sub-Committee

Tuesday 25 February 2020

held at the Town Hall, Weston-super-Mare, Somerset

Meeting Commenced: 10.30am Meeting Concluded: 13.40pm

Councillors:

P Andy Cole

P Caroline Cherry

P Nicola Holland

P: Present

A: Apologies for absence submitted

Officers in attendance:

Sara Saunders (Solicitor & Senior Legal Advisor to the Licensing Sub-Committee)
Kellie Trego and Sioux Isherwood (Licensing Officers, Public Health & Regulatory Services for North Somerset Council)

Also in attendance:

Andy Jones and Andy Manhire (Police Liaison Officers for Licensing, Avon & Somerset Constabulary)

Dave Holtby (Crime Reduction Manager, Weston Town Centre Partnership)

Allan Taylor (Parking Services for North Somerset Council)

Ted Sherman (Substance Misuse Commissioning Manager, North Somerset Council)

Nick Semper and Dave Needs (Licensing Representatives for Mr Oztaskin)

Mr Mehmet Oztaskin (Premises Licence Holder)

LSC Election of Chairman for the meeting (Agenda item 1)

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Resolved: that Councillor Cole be elected Chairman for the meeting.

Councillor Cole in the Chair

LSC Declaration of Disclosable Pecuniary Interest (Standing Order 37)

15 (Agenda item 3)

None.

LSC Adoption of hearing procedures

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Resolved: that the hearing procedures be adopted.

LSC 17 LA 2003 Application to Review of Premises Licence: Weston News, 78 Regent Street, Weston-Super-Mare, Somerset, BS23 1SR (Agenda item 4)

Kellie Trego, Licensing Officer, reported to the Sub-Committee that an Application by Avon & Somerset Police requested the review of the Premises Licence of Weston News at 78, Regent Street, WSM. Ms Trego then responded to questions from the Sub-Committee and those attending the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned for 30 minutes for CCTV to be viewed by the Licence Holder and his representatives.

Meeting resumed at 11.00am.

Andy Manhire, Police Liaison Officer for Licensing, Avon & Somerset Constabulary, reported to the Sub-Committee why the Police were asking for a review of the Premises Licence. Mr Manhire then responded to questions from the Sub-Committee and those attending the meeting.

Allan Taylor, Parking Services Manager for North Somerset Council, reported to the Sub-Committee and then responded to questions.

Dave Holtby, Crime Reduction Manager for Weston Town Partnership, reported to the Sub-Committee and then responded to questions.

Ted Sherman, Substance Misuse Commissioning Manager, North Somerset Council, reported to the Sub-Committee and responded to questions from those attending the meeting.

Nick Semper, Licensing Representative for Mr Oztaskin, the License Premises Holder, addressed the Sub-Committee on behalf of his client, and then responded to questions; he was assisted by Dave Needs.

Resolved: that the Sub-Committee decided to revoke the Premises Licence for Weston News. The Licensing Sub-Committee carefully considered the evidence against the premises, particularly the incidences of breaching conditions within a short period since the Licence was granted, and the wilful disregard by the Premises Licence Holder to adhere to requests of the Police, or to conform to the conditions on the Premises Licence.

The Sub-Committee considered that the history of the business, and recent allegations, were so serious that revocation of the licence was necessary for the promotion of the Licensing Objectives under the Licensing Act 2003.

Chairman
