

Minutes

of the Meeting of

The Licensing Sub-Committee

Thursday, 20 January 2022

New Council Chamber - Town Hall

Meeting Commenced: 11.30 am

Meeting Concluded: 12.15 pm

Councillors:

Andy Cole

Mike Solomon

James Tonkin

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Also in attendance: Inspector Graeme Hall (Avon and Somerset Police), Andy Jones (Avon and Somerset Police, Licensing liaison officer) Jon Lawrence, applicant

Officers in attendance: Sioux Isherwood (Principal Environmental Protection & Licensing Officer), Sara Saunders (Solicitor and Senior Legal Advisor) and Kellie Trego (Senior Licensing Officer).

LSC Election of Chairman for the meeting

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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)

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None.

LSC Adoption of hearing procedure

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Resolved: that the hearing procedure be adopted.

LSC Licensing Act 2003 Application for Grant of Premises License - Bison Bar, 49 Oxford Street, Weston-s-Mare BS23 1TN

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A representative of the Director of Public Health reported on the application for the grant of a premises license under the Licensing Act 2003 noting that two representations had been received. She responded to members' questions.

Inspector Graeme Hall on behalf of Avon and Somerset Police who had made representations clarified the reasons behind the police representations and responded to members' queries.

The applicant spoke on the application and responded to members' questions.

All parties then summed up.

Resolved: that the application be refused based on the following licensing objectives of the Licensing Act 2003

(1) Prevention of crime - the Sub-Committee did not feel that the applicant had adequately proved that that he would be the person responsible for the running and funding of the business.

(2) Public Nuisance and Public Safety – the Sub-Committee noted there were many residential properties in the area, which would be affected by the premises. The Sub-Committee further believed police resources would be stretched as extra patrols would be needed in and around the area, to ensure public safety as the area was known for its problems with the night-time economy and crime.

The sub-committee considered the applicant's previous convictions for driving with excess alcohol, his past behaviour, and his connection to the premises leaseholder and agreed with the Police in that they did not believe he was a suitable applicant to be a premises licence holder of the proposed premises

Chairman
