

MINUTES OF LICENSING PANEL MEETING - THURSDAY, 23 APRIL 2015

Present:

Councillor (in the Chair)

Councillors

Green

Hunter

Hutton

In Attendance:

Lennox Beattie, Executive and Regulatory Support Manager

Sharon Davies, Head of Licensing Service

Apologies:

Councillors

1 APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN

Resolved:

That Councillor Hutton be appointed Chairman for this meeting of the Licensing Panel.

2 DECLARATION OF INTEREST - LICENSING

There were no declarations of interest on this occasion.

3 PROCEDURE FOR THE MEETING

The Chairman outlined the procedure for the meeting including that fifteen minutes had been allocated as a guideline time limit for all parties.

4 APPLICATION FOR THE TRANSFER OF A PREMISES LICENCE- STONEHOUSE HOTEL

The Panel considered an application for the transfer of a Premises Licence in respect of the Stonehouse Hotel to Mr Derek Littlejohns.

The applicant, Mr Derek Littlejohns, was in attendance and outlined his application. He highlighted his previous experience running and managing hotels. He also spoke in regards to the concerns raised by the Police and emphasised the historic nature of his convictions, his current employment in a responsible role and outlined the circumstances around the most recent area for concern.

PC Sam Driver spoke on behalf of Lancashire Constabulary in objection to the transfer of the licence and the Police's concerns regarding Mr Littlejohn's conduct.

The Panel considered the evidence submitted by both parties, the Council's Statement of Licensing Policy and the guidance issued by the Secretary of State. It further noted that it could only refuse a transfer due to concerns under the Licensing Objective of the

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Prevention of Crime and Disorder.

It accepted Mr Littlejohns' full and frank explanation of the circumstances regarding the most recent incident and that the other offences where historic and would not cause concern on their own- it therefore concluded that the licence should be transferred.

Resolved:

That the application to transfer the licence in respect the Stonehouse Hotel to Mr Derek Littlejohns be granted.

Chairman

(The meeting endedTime Not Specified)

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