

MINUTES OF LICENSING PANEL MEETING - TUESDAY, 13 DECEMBER 2016

Present:

Councillors

Collett

Ryan

Scott

In Attendance:

Lennox Beattie, Executive and Regulatory Support Manager

Sharon Davies, Head of Licensing Service

1 APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN

The Licensing Panel considered the appointment of a Chairman for the meeting.

Resolved:

That Councillor Collett be appointed Chairman for the meeting.

2 DECLARATION OF INTEREST - LICENSING

There were no declarations of interest on this occasion.

3 PROCEDURE FOR THE MEETING

The Chairman explained the procedure for the meeting including that an equal time limit of twenty minutes for all parties.

4 APPLICATION FOR THE VARIATION OF A PREMISES LICENCE- ALBERT HOTEL, 117 ALBERT ROAD

The Licensing Panel considered an application for the variation of a Premises Licence in respect of the Albert Hotel, 117 Albert Road. The variation requested extending the Premises Licence to allow the creation of a microbar open to non-residents on the ground floor and to enable functions to take place in the lower ground floor bar.

Mr Forrest and Ms Ransome on behalf of the applicant were in attendance and outlined the application. They highlighted the proposed operating style of the premises and that the clientele sought would be very specialised for the microbar and a mature clientele for functions. Ms Ransome explained that she had a large amount of previous experience in the licensed trade having run a premises in Eccles.

Mr Forrest further explained that as responsible operators they would be taking steps to attenuate the noise from the function room.

The Panel noted that Mr and Mrs Nevill, one of the public objectors, had been unable to attend but noted their objections notably concerns regarding noise and potential problems with the use of the smoking area at the rear of the property.

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Mrs Moorhouse, public objector, was in attendance and outlined her concerns regarding the operation of the premises based on previous concerns in the area and problems with noise from any smoking area.

The Licensing Panel considered carefully the evidence submitted by all parties and considered that the application appeared to promote licensing objectives but concerns remained regarding potential noise problems so agreed to restrict the licence as follows.

That the use of the function room not take place until the broken extractor fan and window are replaced.

That the use of an outside smoking area be restricted to the front of the hotel.

That other than on New Years Eve and Christmas Eve the hours of operation of the function room be restricted until Midnight Sunday to Thursday and 0030 Friday and Saturdays.

That the conditions already agreed with Lancashire Constabulary and outlined in the agenda.

Resolved:

To grant the variation of the Premises Licence in respect of the Albert Hotel as amended.

Chairman

(The meeting ended 6.30 pm)

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