

## MINUTES OF LICENSING PANEL MEETING - FRIDAY, 6 MARCH 2015

### **Present:**

Councillor (in the Chair)

Councillors

Brown                      M Mitchell                      O'Hara

### **In Attendance:**

Lennox Beattie, Executive and Regulatory Support Manager  
Sharon Davies, Head of Licensing Service

### **Apologies:**

Councillors

### **1 APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN**

Resolved:

That Councillor M Mitchell 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 hearing, including the guideline time limit of fifteen minutes for all parties.

### **4 APPLICATION FOR A PREMISES LICENCE- MARYPORT MARRAS**

The Licensing Panel considered an application from Joseph Formosa and William Lister to grant a Premises Licence in respect of Maryport Marras, 18 York Street.

The proposed licence would authorise the sale of alcohol for residents and their bona fide guests 24 hours a day and late night refreshment from 11pm to 5am.

Mr J Formosa and Mr W Lister, the joint applicants, were in attendance and outlined the application to the Panel.

Sergeant Caroline Hannon from Lancashire Constabulary spoke in objection in objection to the application.

Mr M Marshall from the Lancashire Authority spoke in objection to the application and also presented the case on behalf of Health and Safety assisted by Mr G Shaw.

Mr R Lloyd, Ms H Mansell, Mrs T Pereira and Ms S Potter made representations as

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members of the public in objection to the application.

The Panel considered the application, the representations, the Council's Statement of Licensing Policy and the Secretary of State's guidance.

The Panel expressed particular concern that Mr Formosa had been recently issued with a Community Protection Warning as regards the operation of his hotels and the very serious concerns expressed by Health and Safety.

The Panel felt that by granting the application it would undermine the licensing objectives of Prevention of Crime and Disorder and Public Safety.

It considered that it would not be possible to address these concerns by the imposition of conditions or other restrictions while issuing the licence.

Resolved:

That the application for a Premises Licence for Maryport Marras, 18 York Street, be granted.

### **Chairman**

(The meeting ended 12.01 pm)

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