

MINUTES OF LICENSING PANEL MEETING - THURSDAY, 26 MARCH 2015

Present:

Councillor (in the Chair)

Councillors

Cox Hunter O'Hara

In Attendance:

Sharon Davies, Head of Licensing Service

Bernadette Jarvis, Democratic Services Senior Adviser

1 APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN

Resolved: That Councillor Hunter 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 Panel had agreed to allocate a time limit of thirty minutes for all parties.

4 APPLICATION FOR THE REVIEW OF A PREMISES LICENCE- STALL 13 ABINGDON MARKET

The Panel noted that an application to review a premises licence for Stall 13, Abingdon Street Market on the grounds of prevention of crime and disorder and public safety had been received.

Mr Marshall, Licensing Health and Safety Enforcement Manager, was in attendance to present the application for review on behalf of Weights and Measures and to make representations on behalf of the Licensing Authority and Health and Safety.

Ms Gandhi, Premises Licence holder, accompanied by a friend was in attendance at the meeting.

On commencement of the hearing, the Premises Licence holder requested that the hearing be deferred as her legal representative was unable to attend the meeting. Ms Gandhi also claimed that she had only received notification of the meeting a few days earlier although this was refuted by Mrs Davies, Head of Licensing Service who outlined the various written correspondence that had been sent to Ms Gandhi giving details of the hearing well in advance of the meeting.

The Panel considered the request and noted that Mr Marshall did not raise significant objections to the deferral of the hearing.

The Panel was mindful of the seriousness of the incidents that had prompted the review,

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however, it considered that in the interests of natural justice it should allow the opportunity for the Premises Licence holder to be represented.

Members agreed that in the event of a deferral a new hearing should be scheduled as soon as practically possible and accepting that it cannot bind a future Panel, indicated that a further deferment should not be allowed.

Resolved: That the hearing be deferred to allow the opportunity for the Premises Licence holder to be represented.

Chairman

(The meeting ended 1.26 pm)

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