

MINUTES OF LICENSING PANEL MEETING - WEDNESDAY, 15 APRIL 2015

Present:

Councillor (in the Chair)

Councillors

G Coleman

Evans

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 Evans be appointed Chairman of the Panel for this meeting.

2 DECLARATION OF INTEREST - LICENSING

Councillor Evans declared that he knew Mr Bullock, who was representing the public objectors, in a personal capacity.

3 PROCEDURE FOR THE MEETING

The Chairman explained the procedure for the meeting including a guideline time limit of thirty minutes for all parties.

4 APPLICATION FOR A PREMISES LICENCE- LOASU FOOD AND WINE

The Licensing Panel considered an application for a new Premises Licence in respect of Loasu Food and Wine, 168-170 Ashfield Road. The application being for the sale of alcohol for consumption off the premises between the hours of 8am and 11pm.

The applicant, Mr Vipudhsan, accompanied by his agent, Mr Jordan, was in attendance and outlined his application. Mr Jordan highlighted the nature of the application as a convenience store selling a range of goods including alcohol and that a number of proposed conditions had been agreed with Lancashire Constabulary to ensure that the application did not impact on the Licensing Objective of Prevention of Crime and Disorder. The Panel expressed concern about Mr Vipudhsan lack of experience running licensed premises.

The Panel heard from a number of public objectors including Mr Bullock on behalf of Mrs Mullineaux, Mr Sprigg, Mrs Dyson and Mrs Evans. The objectors highlighted their areas

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for concern including anti-social behaviour within the area. While acknowledging that the Police had not objected, they highlighted their view that there were problems existing in the area and these were only limited by the good management of the existing off licence in the area.

In response to issues raised by the objectors, the Panel was reminded by Mrs Davies, Principal Solicitor- Licensing that covenants on the use of premises were not a relevant consideration for the Licensing Panel.

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

The Panel concluded that there were serious problems in the area and that the granting of an additional licence particularly to a relatively inexperienced operator would undermine the licensing objectives. The Panel did not consider that its concerns

Resolved:

That the application for a Premises Licence in respect of Loasu Food and Wine be refused.

Chairman

(The meeting ended 11.25 am)

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