

MINUTES OF LICENSING PANEL MEETING - THURSDAY, 25 AUGUST 2016

Present:

Councillors

Hutton

Maycock

Mitchell

In Attendance:

Lennox Beattie, Executive and Regulatory Support Manager

Mark Marshall, Licensing Health and Safety Enforcement Manager

1 APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN

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

Resolved:

That Councillor Maycock 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 amount of time had been allocated to all parties.

4 APPLICATION FOR THE REVIEW OF A PREMISES LICENCE- NED KELLY'S

The Licensing Panel considered an application to review the Premises Licence in respect of Ned Kelly's, 19-23 Clifton Street, the application had been submitted by Lancashire Constabulary. The review was a summary review based on a serious incident at the premises under section 53A Licensing Act 2003. The Licensing Panel had met on the 4 August 2016 and agreed as an interim step the suspension of the licence.

PC Emma Pritchard was in attendance and presented the evidence on behalf of Lancashire Constabulary. She highlighted the Police's concerns regarding the premises as the Licence Holder at the time of submission of the review remained in custody on charges of a very serious nature alleged to have taken place on the premises. Subsequent to this event the Designated Premises Supervisor had not been contactable. An application had been submitted to transfer the licence however the Police had concerns given the applicant was related to the previous Licence Holder. The Police expressed

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concern given the lack of contact with the proposed new operator of the premises and considered that they would not be able to uphold the Licensing Objectives.

The Panel noted that the Licence Holder had been informed of the hearing and agreed to consider the application for a review in their absence given the statutory deadlines and that they had been informed of the hearing.

The Panel also noted that representations had been made in support of the review application by Social Services

The Licensing Panel considered carefully the evidence submitted by all parties. It expressed serious concerns regarding the undermining of the Licensing Objectives. This was further evidenced by the lack of contact between the proposed new Premises Licence Holder and the responsible authorities since the Licence Holder entered custody.

Resolved:

That the Premises Licence in respect of Ned Kelly's, 19-23 Clifton Street be revoked.

Chairman

(The meeting ended 10.25 am)

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