

## MINUTES OF LICENSING PANEL MEETING - MONDAY, 31 OCTOBER 2016

### Present:

Councillors

Humphreys

Hunter

Mitchell

### 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 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 Chairman explained the procedure for the meeting including that an equal time of twenty minutes had been allocated for all parties.

### 4 APPLICATION FOR VARIATION OF PREMISES LICENCE - BULL HOTEL

The Licensing Panel considered an application to vary the Premises Licence in respect of the Bull Hotel, 17 Waterloo Road to request an extension of the hours for the sale of alcohol and provision of regulated entertainment 09.00 – 02.00 hours daily, to permit late night refreshment 23.00 – 02.00 hours daily, to amend the opening hours of the premises to 09.00 – 02.30 hours daily and to amend the wording of condition 1 in Annex 2.

Mr John McKenzie, the manager and Designated Premises Supervisor, was in attendance accompanied by Mr Richard Taylor, the applicant's solicitor and both outlined the application. Mr Taylor highlighted that the premises was well-run and was seeking the extension to the opening hours to enable further flexibility in the operation of the premises and it was not intended that the premises would operate until 2am all the time. Mr Taylor emphasised that the premises already operated until 2am on bank holidays and other special occasions and that there had been no complaints received on those occasions. Mr McKenzie in response to questions explained that he was keen to work with local residents and volunteered to close the beer garden at 11.30pm

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The public objector was not in attendance but the Panel considered their representations as included on the agenda.

The Panel expressed concern at the late opening and the potential for the licensing objective of public nuisance to be undermined however they sought to balance this with the premises good operation and relatively few issues. The Panel agreed therefore to grant the licence variation only on Fridays, Saturdays, Sundays and Mondays.

### **Resolved:**

1. That the application for a variation of the Premises Licence in respect of the Bull Hotel be granted until 2am on Friday, Saturday, Sunday and Mondays only.
2. That the hours of operation remain until 2am on Maundy Thursday, Christmas Eve, Boxing Day and New Year's Eve.
3. That an additional condition be added to the licence that the beer garden must close at 11.30pm.

### **Chairman**

(The meeting ended 11.15 am)

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