

## MINUTES OF LICENSING PANEL MEETING - MONDAY, 22 APRIL 2024

### Present:

Councillors

S Brookes

Jones

Roe

### In Attendance:

Lennox Beattie, Executive and Regulatory Manager

Sharon Davies, Senior Licensing Solicitor

### 1 APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN

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

### Resolved:

That Councillor S Brookes 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 including that an equal time limit of twenty minutes had been allocated for all parties.

### 4 APPLICATION FOR A PREMISES LICENCE- DOWNTOWN GRILL, 111 ELIZABETH STREET

The Licensing Panel considered an application for a New Premises Licence in respect of Downtown Grill, 111 Elizabeth Street, Blackpool. The application sought the provision of Late Night Refreshment Sunday to Thursday 23.00 to 00.00 and Fridays and Saturday 23.00 to 01.00. The applicant had agreed a number of conditions following mediation with the Lancashire Constabulary which were outlined in Appendix 4c to the agenda which included conditions on CCTV and an undertaking that the provision of Late Night Refreshment would take place by way of delivery off site only.

Mr Abbas, Director of the Applicant Walis Food Carner Limited, accompanied by a friend was in attendance and made representations to the Licensing Panel.

The applicant highlighted that the application represented a relatively modest change to the operation of the premises which had been a takeaway for a number of years. The applicant explained that due to the location of the premises the majority of trade would be by delivery. The applicant highlighted their view that the objection did not represent the view in the area and that a number of other local residents were supportive of the business and did not consider that there were issues with the business. The applicant concluded that they did not believe the application would undermine the Licensing Objectives.

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The Licensing Panel noted that the objector, Mr Potts, had been notified of the hearing but was not in attendance. It agreed to consider the hearing in his absence and made reference to his written statement.

The Licensing Panel considered the application and representation carefully. It considered that given the mitigations offered in the mediation agreement, the lack of representations from responsible authorities and the relatively modest scope of the application that it did not believe that the application would undermine the Licensing Objectives. The Panel therefore concluded that the application should be granted.

### **Resolved:**

That the application for a Premises Licence for Downtown Grill, 111 Elizabeth Street, be granted subject to the conditions outlined in the application form and the mediation agreement with Lancashire Constabulary.

### **Chairman**

(The meeting ended at 10.45 am)

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