

## MINUTES OF LICENSING PANEL MEETING - THURSDAY, 18 JANUARY 2024

### Present:

Councillors

Cooper                      Hoyle                      Jones

### In Attendance:

Lennox Beattie, Executive and Regulatory Manager  
Sharon Davies, Senior Licensing Solicitor

### Apologies:

Councillors

### 1 APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN

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

### Resolved:

That Councillor Jones 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 limit of twenty minutes had been allocated for all parties.

### 4 APPLICATION FOR A PREMISES LICENCE- TRADES HOTEL

The Licensing Panel considered an application for the Trades Hotel, 51-55 Lord Street and 42 Banks Street. The Panel noted that the application concerned the two existing premises the Trades Hotel and Moores Hotel and both sites currently had individual licences. The applicant Mr Cropper had indicated that the application had been submitted with the intention of simplifying the situation now that both premises were to be operated by the same Licence Holder under the same operation. The applicant had indicated that the existing Premises Licences would be surrendered if the new Premises Licence was granted.

The Licensing Panel noted that the application had requested permission for Live Music (Indoors), Recorded Music (Indoors), and the Supply of Alcohol (On the Premises) Monday to Sunday 10.00 to 03.00 also Late Night Refreshment (Indoors) Monday to Sunday 23.00 to 03.00 at the Lord Street site and Live Music (Indoors), Recorded Music (Indoors), and the Supply of Alcohol (On and Off the Premises) Monday to Sunday 10.00 to 02.00 also Late Night Refreshment (Indoors) Monday to Sunday 23.00 to 02.00 at the Banks Street site with opening hours 10.00 to 03.30 Monday to Sunday at Lord Street and

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10.00 to 02.30 at Banks Street. The hours had been amended following the receipt of initial representations from the Police and the applicant had also added a number of conditions which were outlined in the mediation agreement attached to the agenda.

Mr Neil Cropper accompanied by his representative Mr Mark Marshall were in attendance and made representations to the Licensing Panel. Mr Marshall highlighted that the application had been submitted by an experienced operator with a large amount of direct experience within that area. Mr Marshall highlighted that no objection had been received from any responsible authorities who were aware of Mr Cropper's experience and track record.

The members of the public submitting representations concerning this application did not attend the meeting in person but the panel considered their written representations. The Panel noted that a submission had been received from Councillor Ivan Taylor in support of the objections but also noted that no representation within the statutory period had been received from Councillor Taylor.

The Panel on balance considered that while the objections had expressed concern about changes to the area it considered that in the absence of evidence or support from the responsible authorities that these were speculative and without evidence it would not be reasonable to assume that the application would impact on the Licensing Objectives.

The Panel concluded that it would be appropriate for the promotion of the licensing objectives to grant this application subject to the amendments and conditions as agreed with the Police (pages 39-41 of the agenda)

### **Resolved:**

That the application for a Premises Licence for Trades Hotel be granted as amended.

### **Chairman**

(The meeting ended 11.10 am)

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