

## MINUTES OF LICENSING PANEL MEETING - FRIDAY, 15 MARCH 2024

### Present:

Councillors

Baker

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### 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 Baker 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 NEW PREMISES LICENCE - BARRONS HOTEL, 58-60 HORNBY ROAD

The Licensing Panel considered an application for a New Premises Licence in respect of Barrons Hotel, 58-60 Hornby Road.

The application had originally requested live music (Indoors and Outdoors) Friday to Sunday 12.00 – 23.00, recorded music (Indoors and Outdoors) Monday to Sunday 08.00 – 23.00, permission to sell alcohol (for consumption on and off the premises) Monday to Sunday 00.00 – 00.00, the provision of late night refreshment (Indoors) Monday to Sunday 23.00 – 05.00. The Premises would only be open to the public Monday to Sunday 11.00 – 23.00. The applicant had offered a number of conditions to be placed on the Premises Licence and then additional conditions had been agreed with the Police by way of Mediation which had included the withdrawal of late night refreshment and the off sales of alcohol.

Mr Jose Sanchez, Director of the Applicant Cube Hotels Blackpool Limited spoke in support of the application. Mr Sanchez explained that the premises had previously held a licence which had included generally the same activities without any significant concerns from responsible authorities. Mr Sanchez explained that the licence had lapsed solely due to the previous company being dissolved. Mr Sanchez highlighted the positive working relationship with the Police and that he had been pleased to accept the additional

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conditions and mediation agreement as they reflected the operation of the premises primarily as a hotel with a bar-restaurant catering to those staying in the hotel or nearby. Mr Sanchez disputed some of the details of the objection and emphasised his view that concerns about crime and anti-social behaviour were not supported by evidence and highlighted the lack of objections from responsible authorities.

Councillor Mark Smith spoke in objection to the application. Councillor Mark Smith expressed satisfaction at the amendment to the licence to withdrawn late night refreshment. Councillor Smith however raised issues regarding the Licensing Objectives which had been highlighted to him from local hoteliers. Councillor Smith expressed his view that the premises' hours for the sale of alcohol were out of step with the proposed operation and that the premises were promoted solely for the sale of alcohol rather than as a restaurant.

The Licensing Panel considered carefully the application, representation and the mediation agreement. In light of the premises previous operation and the lack of representation from the responsible authorities that it would not proportionate to apply any further restriction to the Premises Licence. It considered that the agreed conditions in mediation agreement would promote the Licensing Objectives. For clarity the Licensing Panel agreed that the sale of alcohol for non-residents (excluding those at the Tamarind Cove hotel) should only take place between 11am and 11pm (excluding the special event days of Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve where non-residents would be permitted on the premises and to purchase alcohol until 1am).

### **Resolved:**

That the Premises Licence for Barrons Hotel be granted as amended by the Mediation agreement and the additional step outlined above.

### **Chairman**

(The meeting ended at 11.15 am)

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