
LICENSING SUB COMMITTEE

Thursday, 14th December, 2017

Present: Councillor Melissa Fisher (in the Chair), Councillors Terry Hurn and Joyce Plummer

273 Apologies for Absence

There were no apologies for absence.

274 Declarations of Interest and Dispensations

There were no declarations of interest or dispensations.

275 Minutes of Last Meeting

The Minutes of the meeting of the Licensing Sub-Committee held on 10th October 2017 were submitted for approval as a correct record.

Resolved - **That the Minutes be received and approved as a correct record.**

276 Licensing Hearing Procedure

The Licensing Sub-Committee was advised of the Council's Conduct of Hearings Procedure which was to be used in relation to hearings required under the Licensing Act 2003.

Resolved - **That the Procedure be noted.**

277 Licensing Act 2003 Determination Hearing - Opium and Voodoo Lounge, Willow Street, Accrington

In accordance with the Hyndburn Borough Council Policy on the Conduct of Hearings and the Licensing Act 2003 (Hearings) Regulations 2005, the Licensing Manager (Mrs. Wendy Peck) advised the Licensing Sub-Committee of an application for a review of the premises licence for the Opium and Voodoo Lounge, Willow Street, Accrington made by the Executive Director (Legal and Democratic Services), Hyndburn Borough Council on behalf of the Licensing Authority in its role of responsible authority.

It was considered that the application for review was a valid application in relation to the Licensing Objective 'Prevention of Crime and Disorder'. The Licensing Manager submitted a report relating to the application which included the following Appendices:-

- Appendix 1 - Current Licence
- Appendix 1a - Street Map Location
- Appendix 2 - Review Application
- Appendix 3 - Representation from Lancashire Constabulary in its capacity as responsible authority

Appendix 3a - Further Email from Lancashire Constabulary

A representation had been received in support of the application to review from the Responsible Authority (Lancashire Constabulary).

The Premises Licence Holder, together with his representatives had been invited to attend the Hearing but neither he, nor the designated premises supervisor, were in attendance. There had been no response to correspondence sent.

Police Sergeant Jason Middleton (Lancashire Constabulary) was present at the hearing and at the request of the Chair of the Licensing Sub-Committee gave verbal evidence in support of the application for review.

The Licensing Sub-Committee considered the application for review and the representations received in writing and verbally made at the meeting, and prior to a formal decision being made, sought legal advice thereon.

Decision of the Licensing Sub-Committee:-

Resolved

- **That in accordance with Section 52 of the Licensing Act 2003, and after considering the representations made by the applicant as a responsible authority and the representation made by the Lancashire Constabulary, the premises licence for the Opium and Voodoo Lounge, Accrington be revoked for the reasons outlined at the meeting and set out in the decision notice.**

Signed:.....

Date:

Chair of the meeting
At which the minutes were confirmed