

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE  
LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE HELD IN THE  
COUNCIL CHAMBER, WALLFIELDS,  
HERTFORD ON TUESDAY 26 NOVEMBER  
2019, AT 4.00 PM

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PRESENT: Councillor N Symonds (Chairman)  
Councillors D Andrews and A Hall

ALSO PRESENT:

Councillors R Bolton and P Ruffles

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE:

James Ellis	- Solicitor
Peter Mannings	- Democratic Services Officer
Brad Wheeler	- Senior Licensing and Enforcement Officer

35 APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN

It was moved by Councillor D Andrews and seconded by Councillor T Hall, that Councillor N Symonds be appointed Chairman for the meeting. After being put to the meeting and a vote taken, the motion was declared CARRIED.

RESOLVED – that Councillor N Symonds be appointed Chairman for the meeting.

36 MINUTES - 21 OCTOBER AND 11 NOVEMBER 2019

It was moved by Councillor D Andrews and seconded by Councillor T Hall that the Minutes of the meetings held on 21 October and 11 November 2019 be confirmed as correct records and signed by the Chairman. After being put to the meeting and a vote taken, this motion was declared CARRIED.

RESOLVED – that the Minutes of the meetings held on 21 October and 11 November 2019 be confirmed as correct records and signed by the Chairman.

37 APPLICATION FOR A NEW PREMISES LICENCE FOR PERRINS BARBERS, 5 OLD CROSS, HERTFORD, HERTS. SG14 1HX

The Chairman outlined the procedure to be followed. All those present were introduced. The Senior Licensing and Enforcement Officer summarised the application for a new premises licence which had been submitted on 2 October 2019.

The Sub-Committee was advised that the application was for the supply of alcohol for consumption on and off the premises at the following times:

Tuesday	9 am to 6 pm
Wednesday	9 am to 10 pm
Thursday	9 am to 6 pm
Friday	9 am to 10 pm
Saturday	9 am to 5 pm
Sunday	10 am to 4 pm

The Senior Licensing and Enforcement Officer said that the applicant had offered a set of terms and conditions and steps to be taken to promote the 4 licensing objectives. The Officer detailed these for the Members of the Sub-Committee.

The Sub-Committee was advised that 3 representations had been received from interested parties in respect of all 4 of the licensing objectives. The Senior Licensing and Enforcement Officer said that no representations had been received from the responsible authorities.

Members were advised that it was for the Sub-Committee to determine whether the application promoted the 4 licensing objectives. The Senior Licensing and Enforcement Officer said that Members could grant the licence as requested, limit the hours, refuse the application or attach conditions. Members were reminded that the decision of the Sub-Committee had to be evidence based, justified and appropriate.

The applicant made his submission on the basis that he was the proprietor of Perrins Barbers and he had the reputation of his business at heart and had been trading in Hertford for 20 years. He said that his shop was well maintained and he did not have a criminal record.

The applicant advised Members that that he had not had any previous licences revoked and was a father of 6. He stated that he was strictly anti-drugs and was seeking to make his business different by offering a small range of bottled beers, spirits and wine and hot

beverages to those customers who were members of his "300 Club".

The applicant confirmed that condition 4 of the 300 Club's terms and conditions would ensure the safeguarding of children. He stated that the bar would not open to the general public and would be discreetly separate to the main area of Perrins Barbers.

The applicant said that the bar would not become overcrowded and no outside space was required. He said that his clientele was older men and they were unlikely to be going out drinking. An incident and refusals book would be maintained but this was unlikely to be needed.

The applicant concluded that he believed the 300 Club terms and conditions would prevent any crime and disorder and he would adopt a zero tolerance approach to drug use. He emphasised that he was a family man and would never tolerate the exploitation of women as had been suggested by an objector.

In response to questions from Councillor D Andrews, the applicant detailed his proposed business model and said that he was seeking to keep his loyal trade by offering a more exclusive service to his customers.

Councillor D Andrews commented on the capacity of the proposed licensed bar area downstairs. He questioned the applicant as to whether there would be room for the proposed additional cutting station in this area.

The applicant confirmed that he would not allow children to be unattended in the downstairs licensed area and the parents of any children that misbehaved would be asked to take the child upstairs to the main hairdressing area. The applicant emphasised that he was a very strict parent.

The applicant confirmed to Councillor T Hall that he currently had 21 members of the 300 Club, and the most he anticipated being present at any one time was 3. He also confirmed that he anticipated having 5 members in per day, perhaps more on certain days of the week.

Councillor N Symonds questioned the applicant's view on what he would consider as excessively drunk. The applicant said that he felt that 2 beers would be more than sufficient for any of his customers attending for a haircut.

Councillor R Bolton sought and was given clarification as to the size of the licensed area and its capacity. The applicant advised on the number of cutting stations and the amount of seating in place at Perrins Barbers. He confirmed that 3 staff would be on site, 2 upstairs and 1 downstairs.

In response to a number of comments from Councillor R Bolton, the applicant said that he would have to play it by ear in terms of whether he would impose a limit on the number of members of the 300 Club. The applicant confirmed that he would abide by all of the laws in respect of CCTV and images captured of children.

The Legal Officer sought and was given clarification on the business model of Perrins Barbers, namely that only 300 Club members waiting for a haircut could purchase alcohol, not any 300 Club members who wished to come in off the street for a drink. The Applicant confirmed that he would be happy if the word excessively was removed from paragraph 6 of the 300 Club terms and conditions.

Councillor R Bolton, as an interested party, questioned how the applicant would monitor the appropriate supply of alcohol in relation to child safety if they were present with a member of the 300 club. The applicant said that only children of 300 club members would be permitted entry and those members would know where their children were going.

At the conclusion of the closing summary submissions, the Sub-Committee, the Legal Officer and the Democratic Services Officer withdrew from the meeting to allow the Sub-Committee to consider the evidence.

Following these deliberations, the Sub-Committee returned. The Chairman announced that the Licensing Sub-Committee had listened to the comments of the Applicant, the Senior Licensing and Enforcement Officer and the objector, as well as considering all written representations, and had decided to grant the application, subject to the 300 Club terms and conditions, as amended, and subject to the following additional condition:

- No children under 18 to be permitted in the licenced area after 18:00 on any day.

RESOLVED – that the application for a New Premises Licence at Perrins Barbers, 5 Old Cross, Hertford be approved, subject to the 300 Club terms and conditions, as amended, and subject to the following additional condition:

- No children under 18 to be permitted in the licenced area after 18:00 on any day.

Reasons:

1. Having carefully considered the application and the representations made during the hearing and written submissions, the Sub-Committee was satisfied that granting the application did not put at risk the promotion of the four licensing objectives.
2. The Sub-Committee considered that in addition to the conditions already put forward by the applicant, it was appropriate to include an additional condition to ensure the promotion of the Protection of Children from Harm licensing objective, namely that no children under the age of 18 be permitted in the licensable area after 18:00 on any day.
3. It was also agreed by the applicant that the word “excessively” would be removed from his “300 Club” terms and conditions at paragraph 6, so that it simply reads “The

Club reserves the right to refuse to serve alcohol to anyone who appears to be drunk or who uses threatening or abusive behaviour”.

The meeting closed at 5.08 pm

Chairman .....
Date .....