

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE
LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE HELD IN
THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, WALLFIELDS,
HERTFORD ON MONDAY 6 JANUARY
2014, AT 10.00 AM

PRESENT: Councillor Alan Warman (Chairman).
Councillors E Bedford and E Buckmaster.

ALSO PRESENT:

Councillors M McMullen.

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE:

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| Peter Mannings | - Democratic Services Officer |
| Paul Merry | - Licensing Officer |
| Oliver Rawlings | - Senior Specialist Licensing Officer |

32 APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN

It was proposed by Councillor E Bedford and seconded by Councillor E Buckmaster that Councillor A Warman be appointed Chairman of the Licensing Sub-Committee for the meeting.

RESOLVED – that Councillor A Warman be appointed Chairman of the Licensing Sub-Committee for the meeting.

33 MINUTES – 6 DECEMBER 2013

RESOLVED – that the Minutes of the meeting held on 6 December 2013 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

34 APPLICATION BY IBRAHIM KAYMAZ FOR A PREMISES LICENCE AT 2-4 FORE STREET, HERTFORD, SG14 1BZ

The Chairman outlined the procedure to be followed. All those present were introduced.

The Senior Specialist Licensing Officer advised that the application was for a new premises licence for the sale of alcohol for consumption off the premises at the following times, which were also the requested opening hours:

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| Monday to Thursday | 07:00 – 01:00 |
| Friday and Saturday | 07:00 – 03:00 |
| Sunday | 08:00 – 00:00 |

The Sub-Committee was advised that there had been 5 valid representations against the application. The Senior Specialist Licensing Officer stated that Hertfordshire Constabulary had objected in their role as a Responsible Authority.

Members were advised that the Police had requested that the licence be granted with amended hours and additional conditions. The Police representative also detailed that, since 24 April 2013, there had been 88 calls from the Fore Street area, many of which could be attributed to the consumption of alcohol.

An objection had also been received from a member of the public who lived and worked near the premises and 3 objections had been received from people who worked or operated businesses near to the premises.

Members were advised of the steps the applicant had included on the application to promote the 4 licensing objectives but that these were in need of clarification. The Senior Specialist Licensing Officer referred to some of the suggested measures as being unenforceable as detailed on page 23 of the report.

A Police representative stated that the Police had objected on the grounds of the Prevention of Crime and Disorder, Public Safety and the Prevention of Public Nuisance. The Police considered that, if the application

was granted as requested by the applicant, then this would undermine the licensing objectives.

Members were advised of a number of incident logs from the Fore Street area, all of which had placed a significant demand on Police resources and had caused distress for residents. The Sub-Committee was advised that alcohol was a contributing factor to all of these incidents and this application would exacerbate alcohol fuelled problems in an area covered by a Designated Public Places Order (DPPO).

In response to a query from Councillor E Buckmaster, the applicant's agent confirmed that the applicant was happy to accept all of the suggestions by the Police regarding opening hours and conditions. The Police had suggested a closing hour of 11 pm for opening and the retail sale of alcohol.

Members were advised that the applicant had been in the licensing trade for a number of years and this would be a family run business which would create employment. Members were also advised that CCTV would be ready for use within the premises in 2 to 3 weeks.

The Sub-Committee was advised that the premises would operate as a convenience store selling groceries as well as alcohol for consumption off the premises. A refusals book would be kept and would be available for Police inspection. The applicant was also happy to comply with the provisions of the "Challenge 25" Policy.

At the conclusion of the final representations, the Sub-Committee withdrew with the Legal Services Manager and Democratic Services Officer to consider the evidence.

Following this they returned and the Chairman announced that the Sub-Committee had listened to the comments of the Senior Specialist Licensing Officer, the Police and the applicant, and had considered the written representations.

Members had decided to approve the application subject to the conditions agreed with the Police as detailed on pages 26 and 27 of the report now submitted.

The Sub-Committee also requested that the staff undergo training to ensure that they adhere to the "Challenge 25" Policy and that records should be kept for inspection by the Police. The Sub-Committee complimented the Police and the applicant on their constructive work in agreeing conditions.

RESOLVED – that for the reasons now detailed, the application for a premises licence be approved.

The meeting closed at 10.40 am

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| Chairman |
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