

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE  
LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE HELD IN  
THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, WALLFIELDS,  
HERTFORD ON FRIDAY 25 AUGUST 2017,  
AT 10.00 AM

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PRESENT: Councillor M McMullen (Chairman)  
Councillors P Ballam and N Symonds.

ALSO PRESENT:

Councillors J Jones.

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Lorraine Blackburn	- Democratic Services Officer
James Ellis	- Solicitor
Oliver Rawlings	- Service Manager (Licensing and Enforcement)

12 APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN

It was proposed by Councillor N Symonds and seconded by Councillor P Ballam that Councillor M McMullen be appointed Chairman of the Licensing Sub-Committee for the meeting.

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

13 MINUTES – 4 AUGUST 2017

RESOLVED – that the Minutes of the meeting held on 4 August 2017 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

14 APPLICATION BY AFONSO AND PASSSOS LIMITED FOR  
AFONSOS COFFEE HOUSE , 32 HOCKERILL STREET,  
BISHOP'S STORTFORD, HERTFORDSHIRE, CM23 2DW

The Chairman outlined the procedure to be followed. All those present were introduced. The Service Manager (Licensing and Enforcement) advised that the application was for a new premises licence for the sale of alcohol consumption on the premises.

The Service Manager explained what additional conditions had been requested by the Police and the additional changes Officers felt were necessary. These were detailed in paragraph 5.9 of the report submitted. It was noted that two objections and a letter of support had been received.

The applicant's agent presented the application on behalf of the applicant. He referred to the applicant's previous experience and assured Members that alcohol, such as beer and wine, would only be sold with food. The agent referred to the actions and conditions proposed which the applicant had agreed to, which would address issues of concern. He stated that the applicant wanted to promote the licensing objectives and would work with neighbours to ensure the success of the business.

In response to a query from the Chairman, the applicant's agent confirmed that only three people at a time would be allowed to smoke at the front of the building and this would be monitored. He assured Members that appropriate signage would be displayed at all times.

The agent confirmed that, as requested by the Police, the applicant was happy to amend the licensing hours for the supply of alcohol consumption on the premises as follows:

Monday to Sunday

12:00 to 22:30

Premises open to the public

Monday to Sunday 08:00 – 23:00

The applicant's agent also confirmed acceptance of the amendments to the conditions as set out in paragraph 5.9 of the report. The applicant, his agent and the Licensing Officer were given the opportunity to make closing comments but had nothing further to add.

At the conclusion of the closing representations, the Sub-Committee withdrew with the Legal Adviser and Democratic Services Officer to consider the evidence. Following this, the Sub-Committee returned and the Chairman stated that, having carefully listened to the comments of the applicant, his agent, and Officers and notwithstanding the objections and concerns raised, the Sub-Committee was satisfied that with the additional conditions, (as amended at paragraph 5.9 of the report) and the reduced hours agreed with the Police, the licensing objectives would be met.

The Sub-Committee therefore granted the premises licence.

RESOLVED – that the application for a premises licence be granted for the following reasons:

Reasons:

- 1) Notwithstanding the concerns raised by the objectors, the Sub-Committee was satisfied that the additional conditions, as amended at paragraph 5.9 of the report submitted, mean that operations at the premises were unlikely to undermine the licensing objectives of public safety or prevention of public nuisance.
- 2) The application is consistent with East Herts Licensing Policy.

The meeting closed at 10.40 am

Chairman .....

Date .....