

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE
LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE HELD IN THE
COUNCIL CHAMBER, WALLFIELDS,
HERTFORD ON THURSDAY 27 APRIL 2023,
AT 10.00 AM

PRESENT: Councillor R Bolton (Chairman)
Councillors J Jones and C Redfern

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Peter Mannings	- Democratic Services Officer
Dimple Roopchand	- Litigation and Advisory Lawyer
Brad Wheeler	- Senior Licensing and Enforcement Officer

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE

Mrs Downes	- Interested Party
Ewen McGregor	- Legal Representative for the Applicant

40 APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN

It was moved by Councillor Jones and seconded by Councillor Redfern, that Councillor Bolton be appointed Chairman for the meeting. After being put to the meeting and a vote taken, the motion was declared CARRIED.

RESOLVED – that Councillor Bolton be appointed Chairman for the meeting.

41 APOLOGIES

There were no apologies for absence.

42 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no declarations of interest.

43 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

44 MINUTES - 19 OCTOBER 2022

It was moved by Councillor Redfern and seconded by Councillor Jones that the Minutes of the meeting held on 19 October 2022 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman. After being put to the meeting, and a vote taken, the motion was declared CARRIED.

RESOLVED - that the minutes of the meeting held on 19 October 2022 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

45 SUMMARY OF PROCEDURE

The Chairman drew the hearings attention to the Summary of Procedure which was included in the agenda pack at pages 10 – 16.

46 APPLICATION FOR A NEW PREMISES LICENCE FOR WH SMITH, BISHOPS STORTFORD RAILWAY STATION, STATION ROAD, BISHOPS STORTFORD, HERTFORDSHIRE, CM23 3BL (23/0300/PL)

The Sub-Committee received a report on the application for a New Premises Licence for WH Smith, Bishop's Stortford Railway Station, Bishop's Stortford, Hertfordshire, CM23 3BL.

The Senior Licensing and Enforcement Officer presented the report and Members of the Sub-Committee, the applicant and the interested party asked questions. The applicant's legal representative presented the application on behalf of the applicant and he answered questions from the Sub-Committee and the interested party.

The interested party presented her objections to the application and answered questions from the Sub-Committee and the applicant's legal representative.

In line with procedure, at the conclusion of the closing submissions, the Sub-Committee retired to consider the evidence presented to the hearing by the applicant's legal representative and an objector to the application. They were accompanied by the Democratic Services Officer and the Litigation and Advisory Lawyer.

The Sub-Committee reconvened in public session to give its decision.

RESOLVED – that the licence for a New Premises

Licence for WH Smith, Bishop’s Stortford Railway Station, Bishop’s Stortford, Hertfordshire, CM23 3BL be granted for the sale of alcohol for consumption off the premises, Monday - Friday 08:00 – 19:00, Saturday 08:00 – 18:00 and Sunday 08:00 – 16:00, subject to the conditions offered up in the operating schedule and the further conditions offered up during the consultation period.

The Chairman advised that the decision would be issued in writing, and that there was the right of appeal within 21 days to the magistrate’s court.

47 URGENT BUSINESS

There was no urgent business.

The meeting closed at 11.26 am

Chairman
Date