

Licensing Sub-Committee

Minutes of a Meeting of the Licensing Sub-Committee held in Committee Room No. 2 (Bad Münstereifel Room), Civic Centre, Tannery Lane, Ashford on the **9th March 2009**

Present:

Cllr. Goddard (Chairman);
Cllrs. Holland, Kemp

Also Present:

Licensing Manager, Legal Advisor, Licensing Officer, Member Services & Scrutiny Support Officer

PC Griffiths (Licensing Officer), Sergeant Allcott

464 Election of Chairman

Resolved:

That Councillor Goddard be elected as Chairman for this meeting of the Licensing Sub-Committee.

465 Minutes

Resolved:

That the Minutes of the meeting of this Sub-Committee held on the 2nd January 2009 be approved and confirmed as a correct record.

466 Exclusion of the Public

Resolved:

That pursuant to Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 as amended the public be excluded from the meeting during the consideration of the following item as it is likely in the view of the nature of the business to be transacted or the nature of the proceedings that if members of the public were present there would be disclosure of exempt information hereinafter specified by reference to paragraphs 1 and 2 of Schedule 12A of the Act.

467 Application for a Personal Licence.

As it was 10 o'clock but the Applicant was not present, the Committee agreed to a 15 minute adjournment to give the Applicant further opportunity to attend. After 15 minutes the Licensing Manager returned and told the Committee that he had been

unable to contact the Applicant, a message had been left on his answer-phone, and he had yet to arrive.

The Committee considered whether to postpone the meeting in the absence of the Applicant but decided to determine the application on the evidence before it.

The Chairman opened the meeting and welcomed all those present.

The Licensing Manager then gave a brief summary of his report. He advised Members that there were two options open to them in determining the application; rejection of the application if the Committee considered it necessary for the promotion of the crime prevention objective or to grant the application in any other case (s120(7)(b)).

The Licensing Manager provided all present with a copy of the Applicant's Criminal Record Bureau (CRB) certificate which outlined his convictions.

PC Griffiths (Licensing Officer) presented his report to the Committee. He advised Members that he had been present at a joint interview with the Applicant and the Licensing Manager on 9th February at the Police Station. He did not regard the Applicants offences as accidental or mistakes as he felt that there was a series of dishonesty which took planning and organisation. He concluded by saying that he felt that granting the Personal License would undermine the prevention crime and disorder objective.

PC Griffiths (Licensing Officer) and the Licensing Manager then answered questions from Members of the Sub-Committee.

The Licensing Manager summed up and reiterated the legal options that were open to Members.

The Sub-Committee then made their decision.

The Chairman read out the decision.

Resolved:

That the application for a personal licence be refused.

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