

Licensing Sub-Committee

Minutes of a Meeting of the Licensing Sub-Committee held in the Council Chamber, Civic Centre, Tannery Lane, Ashford on the **21st August 2015**.

Present:

Cllr. Feacey (Chairman);

Cllrs. Shorter, Sims.

Also Present:

Licensing Manager, Licensing Support Officer, Legal Advisor, Health, Parking & Community Safety Manager, Licensing Officer, Licensing Officer, Member Services & Scrutiny Support Officer.

PC Alastair Pringle, Sgt Gary Brimson, Chief Inspector Terry Newman – Applicant's Representatives.

Mr A Daly – Licence Holder's.

Ms C Aidinyantz – Premises Manager.

95 Election of Chairman

Resolved:

That Councillor Feacey be elected as Chairman for this Meeting of the Licensing Sub-Committee.

96 Declaration of Interest

Councillor Shorter made a 'Voluntary Announcement' as he knew the owner of the premises, he did not know the operator or licence holder in any capacity.

97 Minutes

Resolved:

That the Minutes of the Meeting of this Sub-Committee held on the 13th November 2014 be approved and confirmed as a correct record.

98 The Auction House, 7 New Street, Ashford, TN24 8TN – Application for a Summary Review of the Premises Licence

The Chairman opened the meeting and welcomed all those present. Members confirmed that they had read the papers relating to the application. The Chairman explained the procedure to be followed at the meeting.

99 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 consideration of the following item, namely ‘The Auction House, 7 New Street, Ashford, TN24 8TN – Application for a Summary Review of the Premises Licence’ as it is likely in 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 paragraph 7 of Schedule 12A of the Act.

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The Licensing Manager then gave a brief summary of his report. He went through the case and explained the reasons for the application being brought before the Sub-Committee.

The Applicant’s Representatives put their case to the Sub-Committee.

The Licence Holder then put his case to the Sub-Committee.

The Applicant’s Representatives, the Licence Holder and Premises Manager answered questions from the Sub-Committee.

A member of the press entered the room and questioned why the press and public had been excluded from the meeting. The Legal Advisor provided the reasons to the member of the press and requested that they left the meeting.

The Sub-Committee then retired to make their decision.

On the Sub-Committee’s return, further to S.53B(5)(b) of the Licensing Act 2003, the requisite notice that had been prepared by the Sub-Committee, was given to the holder of the premises licence and the police by the Legal Advisor.

Resolved:

That the following interim steps be immediately applied to the licence:

- 1. All non-bottled drinks to be provided in plastic or polycarbonate glasses. Bottled drinks to be decanted in to plastic or polycarbonate glasses or provided in plastic bottles. No glass vessels or bottles to be on the bar or in the public area at any time.**
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