

Licensing Sub Committee

Minutes of a Meeting of the Licensing-Sub Committee held in Committee Room 2, Civic Centre, Tannery Lane, Ashford on the **28th January 2020 at 2pm.**

Present:

Cllr. Rogers (Chairman);

Cllrs. Burgess, Ledger

Cllr. Shorter (Reserve)

Also Present:

Applicant, Applicants Representative.

Home Office Representative.

Police Representative.

Environmental Protection & Licensing Team Leader, Licensing Officer, Principal Litigator, Member Services Officer.

274 Election of Chairman

Resolved:

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

275 Minutes

Resolved:

That the Minutes of the Meetings of this Sub-Committee held on 4th October 2019 be approved and confirmed as correct records.

276 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 'Application for a premises licence – The Codfather, 15 High Street, Ashford' 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 paragraphs 4 and 7 of Schedule 12A of the Act, where in the circumstances the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.

277 Application for a Premises Licence – The Godfather, 15 High Street, Ashford.

The Councillors and Officers present were introduced. The Chairman welcomed all present and explained the procedure to be followed. The Sub-Committee confirmed that they had received and read the agenda papers.

The Licensing Officer had submitted a report which outlined the case. She drew attention to this and the options open to the Sub-Committee in the making of their decision.

The Applicant and the Applicant's Representative then put their case to the Sub-Committee.

The Home Office Representative put his case to the Sub-Committee.

The Police Representative put his case to the Sub-Committee.

The Applicant, Applicant's Representative, Home Office representative and Police representative then answered questions from Councillors.

The Committee then retired to make its decision.

On the Committee's return, the Chairman read out the 'Decision and Reasoning's Statement' that had been prepared by the Sub-Committee. A copy of this document was provided to the Applicant, Applicant's Representative, Home Office Representative and Police Representative at the meeting. Further, it was advised that a copy of this would also be sent to all parties after the meeting, along with the Minutes and a Decision Letter.

Resolved:

That the license not be granted.