

LICENSING HEARING

Minutes of the meeting held on 30 May 2014 commencing at 10.30 am

Present: Cllrs. Ayres, Mrs. Ayres and Mrs. Morris

Also present PC 9923 M Beresford - Kent Police Representative
Ms. S. Le Fevre - Objector's Legal Representative
Mr. G. Liyanage - Objector
Mrs. C. Powell - Objector
Mr. S. Powell - Objector
Mrs. L. Leeds - Licensing Officer
Mr. L. Roberts - Legal Advisor
Mr. D. Lagzdins - Democratic Services Officer

1. Appointment of Chairman

Resolved: That Cllr. Mrs Morris be appointed Chairman of the meeting.

2. Declarations of interest

Cllr. Ayres declared that he was a former policeman and collected a police pension.

3. Exclusion of Press and Public

Resolved: That, under section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public be excluded from the meeting when considering Appendix A of the following report, on the grounds that likely disclosure of exempt information is involved as defined by Schedule 12A, paragraph 7 (Information relating to any action taken or to be taken in connection with the prevention, investigation or prosecution of crime).

4. The Portobello Inn, London Road, West Kingsdown, TN15 6JB

(Exempt Information Schedule 12A paragraph 7 Local Government Act 1972)

The Hearing gave consideration to a report by the Chief Officer Environmental and Operational Services giving details of an application under Section 53A of the Licensing Act 2003 for a summary review hearing. Accordingly the application had been referred to the Sub-Committee as the licensing authority for consideration of whether interim steps were necessary pending a review of the premises licence.

The Hearing heard from the applicant and asked questions. The Hearing heard from the legal representative for the Premises Licence Holder and asked questions.

At 11.42 the Hearing Members withdrew to consider the issues raised. The Council's Legal Adviser and Democratic Services Officer were present to give legal advice and to minute the decision.

At 12.02 the Hearing Members, Council's Legal Adviser and Democratic Services Officer returned to the Council Chamber.

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It was unanimously -

Resolved: That the Committee is satisfied on the basis of the information given in the application that on the day of the incident 23 May 2014 the supervision of the premises was not sufficient and that this contributed to the serious incident that occurred. Given the seriousness of the incident, suspending the licence in the interim is proportionate and necessary.

THE MEETING WAS CONCLUDED AT 12.04 pm

Chairman