

LICENSING HEARING

Minutes of the meeting held on 23 June 2014 commencing at 11.15am

Present: Cllrs. Mrs. George, Pett and Walshe

Also present	PC9923 M Beresford	-	Kent Police Representative
	Mr. M. Phipps	-	Premises Licence Legal Representative
	Ms. Y. Gell	-	For Premises Licence
	Mrs. C. Powell	-	Premises Licence Holder
	Mr. S. Powell	-	For Premises Licence Mrs. L. Leeds
		-	Licensing Officer
	Mr. L. Roberts	-	Legal Advisor
	Ms. V. Etheridge	-	Acting Democratic Services Manager

An apology for absence were received from Cllr. Cooke

The meeting commenced at 11.15 am to facilitate on-going discussion between the Premises Licence Holder and the representatives from Kent Police.

1. Appointment of Chairman

Resolved: That Cllr. Walshe be appointed Chairman of the meeting.

2. Declarations of Interest

There were none.

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 of the premises licence. On 30 May 2014 a meeting of the Licensing Sub-Committee had taken the interim step to suspend the premises licence pending the full review. On 2 June 2014 Sevenoaks District Council received a representation against the interim steps taken by the Council as the Licensing Authority and within 48 hours of receipt of the representations being received, a hearing was held to consider whether the interim steps were appropriate for the promotion of the licensing objectives and to determine whether to withdraw or modify the steps taken. The interim

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steps were modified. The hearing now held was to consider the application for summary review in full.

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

An amended version of the interim steps was tabled for the consideration of the Hearing.

At 12.04 the Hearing Members, withdrew to consider the issues raised. The Council's Legal Advisor and Democratic Services Officer were present to give legal advice and to minute the decision.

At 12.45 the Hearing Members, Council's Legal Advisor and Democratic Services Officer returned to the Council Chamber.

The Chairman advised the Hearing that the Sub-Committee had had regard to the Licensing Objectives, to the guidance issued under section 182 of the Licensing Act 2003 and the Council's Statement of Licensing Policy. He summarised the reasoning behind the conditions.

It was therefore unanimously,

Resolved: That the amended conditions as set out in the Notice of Determination attached as an appendix to these minutes be added to the premises licence.

THE MEETING WAS CONCLUDED AT 12.50 pm

Chairman