

Minutes of the Licensing Sub-Committee 4

Tuesday 27th February, 2018 at 10.00 am
In the Council Chamber, The Council House, Dudley

Present:-

Councillor A Taylor (Chair)
Councillors J Cowell and C Perks

Officers:-

B Hughes – Assistant Team Manager Waste and Fleet Care (Place Directorate); T Holder – Solicitor and H Shepherd - Democratic Services Officer (Chief Executive's Directorate).

47 **Declarations of Interest**

No Member made a declaration of interest in accordance with the Members' Code of Conduct.

48 **Minutes**

Resolved

That the minutes of the meeting of the Sub-Committee held on 5th September, 2017, be approved as a correct record and signed.

Application for House to House Collection Licence – Your Donation Ltd

A report of the Strategic Director Place was submitted for the grant of a House to House collections licence in respect of Your Donation Ltd (Boot out Breast Cancer).

Mr P Narzarov, the applicant, was in attendance at the meeting.

Following introductions by the Chair, the Assistant Team Manager Waste and Fleet Care presented the report on behalf of the Council.

Mr Narzarov then presented his case and stated that the company opened in March 2017 and was therefore unable to provide the accounts at the current time, but would be willing to provide this information at a later date. He also stated that he had ten years experience in house to house collections as he had previously worked at a similar organisation.

In response to questions raised by Mr Holder, it was confirmed that Boot out Breast Cancer did predominately support facilities and units within the Manchester and Liverpool area, however they planned to expand throughout the United Kingdom and that 116 licensing applications had been submitted to different authorities with only two applications currently being refused.

In response to a question raised by a Member, the applicant confirmed that 82% of the total cost was granted to the charity with 18% profit for the organisation.

Members expressed concern with regard to the wording within the report submitted by Boot out Breast Cancer and considered the proposed cycle of collections every five weeks to be excessive although it was recognised that residents did not have to donate each time and that house to house collections did help those residents that were unable to go to alternative charity provisions.

Arising from further questions raised, Mr Narzarov stated that it was difficult for a representative from Boot out Cancer to attend as they were based in Manchester, but he would endeavour to answer any questions raised and confirmed that Your Donation Ltd did have the same Director as Midland Textile Ltd, however they were separate establishments and operated from different premises. An example of the collection bag that would be used was circulated to Members for their reference.

Both parties then withdrew from the meeting to enable the Sub-Committee to determine the application.

The Sub-Committee having made their decision invited the parties to return and the Chair outlined the decision.

Resolved

That, following due consideration and having looked at all the information provided, the Sub-Committee was not satisfied to grant the license and therefore the application be refused.

The meeting ended at 11.50 am

CHAIR