

**Minutes of the Licensing Sub-Committee 2**

**Tuesday 31st October, 2017 at 10.12 am**  
**in the Council Chamber, The Council House, Dudley**

**Present:-**

Councillor A Goddard (Chair)  
Councillors K Finch and E Taylor

**Officers:-**

B Hughes – Assistant Team Manager (Licensing and Waste Enforcement)  
(Place Directorate), N Bangar – Solicitor and K Buckle – Democratic  
Services Officer (both Chief Executive's Directorate).

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9. **Declarations of Interest**

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

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10. **Minutes**

**Resolved**

That the minutes of the meeting of the Sub-Committee held on 26<sup>th</sup>  
September, 2017, be approved as a correct record and signed.

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11. **Transfer of Premises Licence and Variation of Designated Premises  
Supervisor – The Convenience Store, 260 Bromley Lane,  
Kingswinford**

A report of the Strategic Director Place was submitted on an application for  
transfer of premises licence and variation of designated premises  
supervisor in respect of the premises known as the Convenience Store,  
260 Bromley Lane, Kingswinford.

The following persons attended the meeting in respect of this application:-

Mr A Singh – Applicant and his supporter  
Mr Dadds – Barrister – Applicant's representative  
K Turley and D Jenkins – West Midlands Police

Following introductions the Assistant Team Manager (Licensing and Waste Enforcement) presented the report on behalf of the Council.

Representatives of West Midlands Police referred to their initial objections to the Application now before the Sub-Committee, however stated that they had now received a copy of the new premises Lease and were satisfied that the previous business regime had now ended, with the business premises Lease now being in the sole name of the Applicant.

Mr Dadds made representations on behalf of the Applicant, advising that he was of good character, a fit and proper person and willing to uphold the Licensing objectives. Mr Dadds advised that the Police had established that the Applicant had no involvement with the previous regime of the business premises.

Mr Dadds also referred to the fact that the Landlord of the business premises had acted responsibly and in the interests of the local community by ensuring that the business premises were closed for a period of time until a new tenant could be found and the Lease had been assigned to that new tenant.

In responding to a question from a Member Mr Dadds advised the staff who would be employed at the business premises were completely new and had not worked at the premises before, and therefore had no involvement with the previous regime.

Mr Dadds also provided assurances that Mr Singh, the Applicant wished to support the local community and would deal with any anti social behaviour problems that were contributed to by the business premises in a positive and proper manner.

Representatives of West Midlands Police advised that once the new designated premises supervisor was in place, the business premises would be provided with some attention from neighbourhood policing and trading standards in order to monitor and deal with anti social behaviour in the future.

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

### **Resolved**

That following consideration of the information contained in the report submitted and presented at the meeting, the application for the transfer of the premises licence and variation of designated premises supervisor in respect of The Convenience Store, 260 Bromley Lane, Kingswinford, be granted.

Reasons for the decision:

This is an application for transfer of premises licence and variation of Designated Premises Supervisor in respect of The Convenience Store, 260 Bromley Lane, Kingswinford.

Mr Singh was in attendance and represented by Mr Dadds.

Mr Dadds confirmed that Mr Singh had now taken on the lease for the premises, was of good character and was prepared to work with the police to ensure that the licensing objectives are being met.

The Sub-Committee having been satisfied that Mr Singh has adequate managerial skills in order to turn around the reputation of the premises, protect the community, uphold the licensing objectives and is now disassociated with the previous regime are content to transfer the Premises Licence and vary the Designated Premises Supervisor as applied for.

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12. **Application for Consent to Engage in Street Trading – Mrs Samantha Russell – Gornal Crematorium**

A report of the Strategic Director Place was submitted on an application for consent to engage in street trading at Gornal Crematorium, Chase Road, Gornal Wood,

The Applicant Mrs Samantha Russell was in attendance at the meeting.

Following introductions, the Assistant Team Manager (Licensing and Waste Enforcement) presented the report on behalf of the Council.

Mrs Russell made representations in support of the Application, advising that both those who visit the crematorium and the crematorium had expressed an interest in the service now being applied for and that was the main reason for the Application before the Sub-Committee.

In responding to a Member's question, the Applicant advised that in relation to parking there was parking both inside the gates of the crematorium and there was also a lay-by and she did not believe that passing traffic would be affected by vehicles stopping to purchase flowers.

The Applicant advised that the florists operating within Gornal Village were closed on Sundays and Bank Holidays and to her knowledge those businesses would not be affected should her application be granted.

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

**Resolved**

That following consideration of the information contained in the report, submitted and presented at the meeting, the application for consent to engage in street trading at Gornal Crematorium, Chase Road, Gornal Wood by Mrs Samantha Russell, be granted.

Reasons for the decision

This is an application for consent to engage in street trading made by Mrs Samantha Russell at Gornal Crematorium, Chase Road, Gornal to sell cut flowers, flower arrangements and wreaths.

That following consideration of the information contained in the report submitted and presented at the meeting, the Committee grant the application as applied for given that there is no current service available for purchasing flowers in the immediate vicinity.

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The meeting ended at 11.05pm

CHAIR