

LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE 3

Tuesday 21st August, 2012 at 10.05am
in The Council Chamber, The Council House, Dudley

PRESENT:-

Councillors M. Aston, Blood and James

Officers

Mr T Holder (Legal Advisor), Mrs J Elliott (Licensing Officer) and Mrs K Taylor (Directorate of Corporate Resources).

1. **ELECTION OF CHAIR**

In the absence of the chair (Councillor K. Finch) it was

RESOLVED

That Councillor Blood be elected chair for this meeting of the Sub-Committee only.

(Councillor Blood in the Chair)

2. **APOLOGY FOR ABSENCE**

An apology for absence from the meeting was submitted on behalf of Councillor K. Finch.

3. **APPOINTMENT OF SUBSTITUTE MEMBER**

It was noted that Councillor Blood had been appointed as a substitute member for Councillor K Finch, for this meeting of the Sub-Committee only.

4. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

No member declared an interest in accordance with the Members' Code of Conduct.

5. **MINUTES**

RESOLVED

That, the minutes of the meeting held on 21st December, 2011, be approved as a correct record and signed.

6. CHANGE IN ORDER OF BUSINESS

RESOLVED

That, in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 12(c), the remaining Agenda Items be considered in the following order:-

6, 5 and 7

7. APPLICATION FOR A LICENSED PREMISES GAMING MACHINE PERMIT – CHEQUERS INN, 96 HIGH STREET, STOURBRIDGE

A report of the Director of Corporate Resources was submitted on an application received from JD Wetherspoon, for the grant of a Licensed Premises Gaming Machine Permit for four category C machines in respect of Chequers Inn, 96 High Street, Stourbridge.

Mr D Edwards, Designated Premises Supervisor was in attendance at the meeting.

Following introductions, the Chairman outlined the procedure to be followed.

Mrs J Elliott, Licensing Officer, Directorate of Corporate Resources, presented the report on behalf of the Council.

Clarification was sought with regards to the siting of the machines, and the layout of the premises.

In responding to a question from the Legal Advisor, Mr Edwards informed the Sub-Committee that no under 18s were permitted to use the machines, and that families do visit the premises occasionally.

RESOLVED

That the application received from JD Wetherspoon, for the grant of a Licensed Premises Gaming Machine Permit for four category C machines in respect of Chequers Inn, 96 High Street, Stourbridge, be approved on the grounds that the Sub-Committee were satisfied with the positioning of the four machines, as confirmed on the plan by Mr Edwards.

8. APPLICATION FOR REVIEW OF PREMISES LICENCE – FAGS AND MAGS LIMITED, 1-5 NEW STREET, DUDLEY

A report of the Director of Corporate Resources was submitted on an application for the review of the premises licence in respect of Fags and Mags Limited, 1-5 New Street, Dudley.

Mr C King, Principal Trading Standards Officer and Ms L Ingram, Enforcement Officer, Directorate of the Urban Environment, and PC A Taylor, Licensing Officer, Stourbridge were in attendance at the meeting.

It was noted that the Premises Licence Holder of Fags and Mags Limited was not in attendance.

The Licensing Officer requested an adjournment of the meeting, to allow for an enforcement officer to visit the premises to question their non-attendance, due to the premises being in close proximity.

The Sub-Committee agreed to the proposal made.

At the re-commencement of the meeting, Mr Trickett, an Enforcement Officer, informed the Sub-Committee that on entering the premises, the Premises Licence Holder was not there, however when he returned to the premises he informed Mr Trickett that he had not received a copy of the letter inviting him to the Sub-Committee, and that he wished to relinquish his premises licence. Mr Trickett further confirmed that there was no alcohol displayed in the premises.

Following a brief discussion it was

RESOLVED

That, the Licensing Officer be requested to write to the Premises Licence Holder to request that the premises licence be relinquished within seven days of the date of the letter sent, and that should he failure to do so the matter be considered at a future Sub-Committee meeting.

9. APPLICATION FOR A CLUB PREMISES CERTIFICATE – COOMBS WOOD SPORTS AND SOCIAL CLUB

A report of the Director of Corporate Resources was submitted on an application for the grant of a club premises certificate in respect of Coombs Wood Sports and Social Club.

It was noted that the applicant was not in attendance at the meeting.

The Licensing Officer confirmed that the applicant had requested a deferment.

RESOLVED

That the application for the grant of a club premises certificate in respect of Coombs Wood Sports and Social Club be deferred to a future Sub-Committee meeting.

The meeting ended at 10.50am.

CHAIR