



Leicester
City Council

Minutes of the Meeting of the
LICENSING (HEARINGS) SUB-COMMITTEE

Held: FRIDAY, 1 SEPTEMBER 2017 at 9:30 am

P R E S E N T:

Councillor Thomas (Chair)

Councillor Cank

Councillor Shelton

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1. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR

Councillor Thomas was elected as Chair for the meeting.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies for absence.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Members were asked to declare any disclosable pecuniary or other interest they may have in the business on the agenda.

There were no declarations of interest.

4. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the Licensing (Hearings) sub-committee meeting held on 9th August 2017 be confirmed as an accurate record.

**5. APPLICATION FOR THE REVIEW OF AN EXISTING PREMISES LICENCE:
CITY NEWS, 80 BELGRAVE GATE, LEICESTER**

The Director of Neighbourhood and Environmental Services submitted a report that required the sub-committee to determine an application for a review of an existing premises licence for City News, 80 Belgrave Gate, Leicester.

The sub-committee noted that an application for a review of an existing premises licence had been received which necessitated that the application had to be considered by the sub-committee.

PC Jon Webb of Leicestershire Police, Mr Sukhwinder Singh the Premises Licence Holder, the Licensing Team Manager and Solicitor to the sub-committee were present.

Also in attendance was a reporter from the Leicester Mercury.

Introductions were made and the procedure for the meeting was outlined to those present.

The Licensing Team Manager advised the sub-committee that Mr Sukhwinder Singh the Premises Licence Holder had informed her outside the meeting that he had only been made aware of the Licensing Hearing the previous day and had not received the paperwork. He had also informed the Licensing Team Manager that he struggled to understand English and he was concerned that he would struggle with the proceedings today as he was unprepared and did not fully understand matters.

The Licensing Team Manager submitted that the sub-committee should consider whether it was in the public interest to proceed with matters today or to adjourn to another date.

The sub-committee invited PC Jon Webb, Leicestershire Police to respond to the points made.

PC Jon Webb, Leicestershire Police, advised the sub-committee that he had visited the premises and spoken with Mr Sukhwinder Singh the Premises Licence Holder in the week prior to this meeting informing him of the hearing. PC Jon Webb, Leicestershire Police, submitted that he had also had numerous conversations with Mr Sukhwinder Singh the Premises Licence Holder which he had understood and suggested this was a stalling tactic.

PC Jon Webb, Leicestershire Police submitted that it was in the public interest for matters to be dealt with today to ensure the promotion of the licensing objectives.

The Solicitor to the sub-committee advised the sub-committee of the options available to them in deciding whether it was in the public interest to proceed today or not.

The sub-committee carefully considered the request for an adjournment and the options available. The sub-committee asked the Licensing Team Manager to enquire if an interpreter could be obtained for today and agreed to a short break whilst that enquiry was made.

9.53am Short adjournment.

9.59am Meeting resumed.

The Chair informed all persons present that an interpreter was available later in the day however the meeting would now take much longer being translated and having considered all matters the sub-committee were agreed that it was in the public interest that this application for a review of an existing premises licence should be deferred to a new date at which an interpreter would be provided. The sub-committee also recommended that Mr Sukhwinder Singh should strongly consider being legally represented.

RESOLVED:

That the application for the review of an existing premises licence: City News, 80 Belgrave Gate, Leicester be adjourned to Friday 15th September 2017 at 9.30am.

6. ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS

There being no other business the meeting closed at 10.02am.