

LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 15 FEBRUARY 2023

Present: Cllrs Jon Andrews, Emma Parker, and David Taylor

Also Present: Kirsty Gatehouse Licensing Officer (Dorset Police), Sophie Gardiner and Sarah Knight (Representing Mr Strickland).

Officers present (for all or part of the meeting):

Elaine Tibble (Senior Democratic Services Officer), Philip Crowther (Legal Business Partner - Regulatory), Kathryn Miller (Senior Licensing Officer) and John Miles (Democratic Services Officer Apprentice)

113. Election of Chairman and Statement for the Procedure of the Meeting

Proposed by Cllr Jon Andrews, seconded by Cllr David Taylor

Decision: that Cllr Emma Parker be elected as chairman for the duration of the meeting.

114. Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Sarah Williams and Paul Harrison, Substituted by Cllrs Jon Andrews, and David Taylor.

115. Declarations of Interest

No declarations of disclosable pecuniary interests were made at the meeting.

116. Urgent items

There were no urgent items.

117. Temporary Event Notice - Hardy's Hop House

The Senior Licensing Team Leader presented the report for a Temporary Event Notice (TEN) which had been served on the Licensing Authority by Mr Strickland for Hardy's Hop House, 62 St Thomas Street, Weymouth. To cover the period from Thursday 2 March to Monday 6 March, with timings as follows Thursday 1200-0200 hours, Friday 0900-0400 hours, Saturday 0900-0500 hours, Sunday 0900-0200 hours and Monday 0900-0000 hours.

There were no questions for the Senior Licensing Officer from the sub-committee, Dorset Police, or the applicant's representatives.

The applicant's representative was invited to put their case forward.

Following sub-committee questions addressed to the applicant's representatives there was a short adjournment to seek legal advice regarding the information submitted in the TEN and an error on the application form which limited the capacity of the venue to 50 people.

It was clarified the meeting would continue to go ahead, based on the evidence that was presented and that the application could be withdrawn and re-submitted by the applicant.

The Licensing Officer (Dorset Police) was invited to put their case forward.

Concerns were raised about the number of people attending the Young Farmers event and the lack of experience of staff for an event of this nature. Similar premises that were permitted to stay open later had strict conditions imposed on their licence which Hardy's Hop House did not.

All parties were given the opportunity to sum up their cases before the sub-committee retired to make their decision.

118. **Exempt Business**

Proposed by Cllr Jon Andrews, seconded by Cllr David Taylor.

Decision:

That the press and the public be excluded for the following item(s) in view of the likely disclosure of exempt information within the meaning of paragraph 3 of schedule 12 A to the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended).

Decision: During the decision-making exempt meeting the TEN was withdrawn by the Applicant.

Duration of meeting: 14:00- 15:20

Chairman

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