
LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE

MINUTES of the Meeting held in the Council Chamber, Swale House, East Street, Sittingbourne, Kent, ME10 3HT on Thursday, 20 April 2017 from 10.50 - 11.33 am.

PRESENT: Councillors Bobbin (Chairman), Prescott and Anita Walker.

OFFICERS PRESENT: Robin Harris, Kellie MacKenzie and Angela Seaward.

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: Councillor Roger Clark (Ward Member), Mr Marino Rajendran (Applicant), Mr Alan Furze (Agent), and Mr Antony Benedict (Supporter).

1290 NOTIFICATION OF CHAIRMAN AND OUTLINE OF PROCEDURE

The Committee and officers present were asked to introduce themselves, and the procedure that would be followed was outlined.

1291 FIRE EVACUATION PROCEDURE

The Chairman made sure that those present were aware of the fire evacuation procedure.

1292 CHANGE OF MEMBERSHIP

A change to the membership was announced and the membership of this Sub-Committee was as follows: Councillors Bobbin (Chairman), Prescott and Anita Walker.

1293 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No interests were declared.

1294 VARIATION OF THE PREMISES LICENCE UNDER THE LICENSING ACT 2003

The Senior Licensing Officer introduced the application for a variation of the premises licence at Milton Mini Mart, 87a North Street, Milton Regis. The application was for the extension on licensable hours to: Monday to Saturday 07:00 – 23:00; Sunday 07:00 – 22:00; and a change of plan of the premises.

The Senior Licensing Officer drew attention to the representations received which were set out in Appendices C, D and E of the Committee report. She reminded Members that the application should be considered on its merits.

Mr Alan Furze, the Applicant's Agent, presented the Applicant's case. Mr Furze explained that the applicant simply wanted to extend the hours for the sale of alcohol from 8am to 7am. He noted some of the concerns raised by local residents but considered these related to late night anti-social behaviour. Mr Furze stated that the premises had operated with the same evening hours for the last 10 years and during that time the Police had not raised any concerns.

Mr Furze stated that the Police had suggested some conditions which they were happy to implement. The Police had subsequently withdrawn their representation.

In response to a query from a Member, Mr Furze confirmed that the extension of the licensable hours included all bank holidays.

There were no questions from the Ward Member.

Members of the Sub-Committee adjourned to make their decision at 11am. Members of the Sub-Committee, Senior Lawyer – Contentious and the Democratic Services Officer returned at 11.30am, when the meeting was re-convened.

The decision, as set out at Appendix I to these minutes was announced.

Resolved: The Sub-Committee agreed to grant the licence as applied for subject to conditions.

Chairman

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