
LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE

MINUTES of the Meeting held in the Council Chamber, Swale House, East Street, Sittingbourne, Kent, ME10 3HT on Monday, 30 September 2019 from 10.00am - 10.55am.

PRESENT: Councillors Derek Carnell (Chairman), Roger Clark and Carole Jackson.

OFFICERS PRESENT: Sarah Beasley, Robin Harris, Chris Hills, Kellie MacKenzie and Mark Reynolds.

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: Councillor Lee McCall, Dr Umit Avci, (Supporter for the Applicant), Mrs Beiza Tzivelek (Applicant's Agent), Mr Merdan Yildirim (Applicant).

258 EMERGENCY EVACUATION PROCEDURE

The Chairman outlined the emergency evacuation procedure for those present.

259 NOTIFICATION OF CHAIRMAN AND OUTLINE OF PROCEDURE

The Chairman asked the Sub-Committee and officers to introduce themselves.

260 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No interests were declared.

261 APPLICATION FOR A NEW PREMISES LICENCE

The Licensing Officer introduced the report which was for an application for a new Premises Licence at Island Fish Bar, 120-122 High Street, Sheerness. She outlined the proposed activities and hours which were set-out on page 4 of the Committee report. The Licensing Officer reported that two representations from the public had been received which were set-out at Appendix B. The only representations from responsible authorities were from Kent Police who requested further conditions to assist with the promotion of the licensing objectives, and these were set out on page 5 of the Committee report. The Applicant had agreed to those conditions and the Police had now withdrawn their objections.

The Licensing Officer advised that the Applicant's solicitor had submitted further documents and these were tabled for Members. Following concerns from Sheerness Town Council about the sale of alcohol, the Applicants had decided to reduce the hours and remove the takeaway alcohol from their application. The following hours were now proposed Sunday to Thursday 11:00 hours to 23:00 hours and Friday and Saturday 11:00 hours to 00:00 hours.

The Chairman invited the Applicant and his Agent to present their case. Mrs Beiza Tzivelek, the Applicant's Agent, stated that the application was for a fish and chip restaurant, and they were happy to answer any questions.

The Chairman invited Members to ask questions.

A Member asked about lone working late at night. Mr Yildirim, the Applicant, explained that there would always be more than one member of staff in the restaurant.

A Ward Member asked whether door staff would be provided in the evening? Mr Yildirim explained that these would be provided if required.

The Interim Contentious Team Leader asked the Licensing Officer to clarify whether any other restaurants in Sheerness had door staff? The Licensing Officer explained that this could be a requirement, but she was not aware of any similar premises in Sheerness that had door staff.

Members of the Sub-Committee adjourned to make their decision at 10.10am. Members of the Sub-Committee, the Interim Contentious Team Leader, the Lawyer – Contentious and Democratic Services Officer returned at 10.50am when the meeting was reconvened.

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

Resolved:

(1) The Sub-Committee agreed to grant the licence for the hours set out on the tabled paper and subject to the conditions set out in the Committee report.

Chairman

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