

LICENSING AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE - GENERAL LICENSING PANEL

22 October 2019

Minutes of the Licensing and General Purposes Committee - General Licensing Panel meeting held at the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Bexhill-on-Sea on Tuesday 22 October 2019 at 10.08am.

There were present:

Members of the General Licensing Panel:

Councillors G.C. Curtis, Mrs S. Hart and A.S. Mier.

Interested Parties:

Applicant: Mrs Jenifer Talbot

Representors: Mr R.G. and Mrs P. Hinsley.

Advisory Officers in attendance: Deputy Legal Services Manager - Wealden & Rother Shared Legal Services, Senior Environmental Health Licensing Officer and Democratic Services Officer.

Also Present: 1 member of the public and 1 member of the press.

LP19/7 **APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN**

Councillor Mrs S. Hart was duly appointed as Chairman of the Panel for the hearing.

LP19/8 **MINUTES**

The Chairman was authorised to sign the Minutes of the meeting of the General Licensing Panel held on 11 July 2019 as a correct record of the proceedings.

LP19/9 **APPLICATION FOR A NEW PREMISES LICENCE - TWO TREES, 37 COODEN SEA ROAD, BEXHILL-ON-SEA, EAST SUSSEX, TN39 4SJ**

Consideration was given to the report of the Executive Director that gave details of an application for a premises licence for Two Trees, 37 Cooden Sea Road, Bexhill-on-Sea, East Sussex for the licensable activity of the retail sale of alcohol (on and off the premises), Tuesday to Saturday 11.00am – 9.00pm and Sunday 11.00am – 6.00pm; the applicant had since withdrawn the application for sales off the premises. One representation had been made in relation to the application in regard to the licensing objective of the prevention of public nuisance.

Prior to the commencement of the meeting the Deputy Legal Services Manager gave advice to the applicant and Interested Parties regarding the grounds on which the licensing application could be considered.

The Chairman welcomed all who were present and gave general advice in regard to the hearing. The Panel then proceeded to hear the case following the adopted procedure and all parties present at the hearing were invited to address the Panel.

The Panel heard from Mr Mark Randolph, Senior Environmental Health Licensing Officer, who presented the report of the Executive Director detailing the application and then from Mrs Talbot, who presented the case for the application.

The Panel also heard from the representors present, Mr and Mrs Hinsley, who detailed their concerns, primarily in relation to public nuisance in terms of noise from patrons inside and outside the premises and the lack of any soundproofing measures within the premises. The Panel gave full consideration to the letter of objection.

The Panel deliberated the application, which was determined having regard to the licensing objectives, together with the Guidance under Section 182 of the Licensing Act and the local Licensing Policy and retired to make their decision in private session.

The Panel requested that the hearing be adjourned for the applicant to produce a noise report, in conjunction with a noise consultant, on potential noise break out from the premises in order to address concerns in relation to public nuisance. It was agreed to reconvene the Panel on Tuesday 3 December 2019, commencing at 10.00am.

RESOLVED: That the application for a Premises Licence hearing be adjourned until Tuesday 3 December 2019.

CHAIRMAN

The meeting closed at 11.25am.