

Licensing Sub Committee

A meeting of Licensing Sub Committee was held on Thursday, 18th January, 2007.

Present: Cllr K Leonard, Cllr Mrs K F Nelson, Cllr B Woodhead.

Officers: J Nertney (LD); S Forsythe (DNS).

Also in attendance: Punch Taverns – Brynn Jackson (Area Manager) and Gordon McPhail (licence holder).

Apologies: None.

893 Appointment of Chairman.

RESOLVED that Councillor Leonard be appointed Chairman for this meeting only.

894 The Vane Arms, Thorpe Thewles, Stockton on Tees - Application for variation of a Premise Licence under the Licensing Act 2003.

The Licensing Officer presented the report to the Committee. Consideration was given to the application as outlined in the report. Members noted that no representations had been received from responsible authorities/statutory consultees. Representations had been received from one person living within the vicinity of the premises.

The Committee had regard to the representation that had been received from a local resident.

Mr Jackson on behalf of the Applicant stated that the application was straightforward and he had nothing further to add to the matters that were set out in the report presented to the Committee.

In considering their decision members were mindful that they needed evidence on which to base their decision.

The Committee noted that the person who submitted the representation had no objection to the structural works but had objected to the additional hour on a Sunday morning. There was no evidence before the Committee that the premise caused any problems that undermined the licensing objectives on a Sunday morning and therefore the representation was not deemed to be valid or relevant to the application. The Committee noted the person who had made a representation was not in attendance at the hearing.

When considering their decision the Committee had regard to the Statutory guidance issued under Section 182 of the Licensing Act 2003 and the Councils Licensing Policy. The Committee noted that none of the statutory consultees had submitted a representation or objection to the application.

The Committee had regard to the up to date statutory guidance issued under Section 182 of the Licensing Act 2003.

It was noted that The Licensing Act 2003 provided legal routes for responsible authorities or local residents to ask for a review of the premises licence should

the premise cause problems linked to the four licensing objectives. Applications for a review would need to be supported by evidence.

RESOLVED that the application for conversion and variation as detailed in the application form be granted (subject to the amendment to the operating schedule as detailed above), namely:-

- Supply of alcohol for an additional hour on Sunday morning from 11:00.
- To relocate the bar serverly within the confines of the existing building.
- To install a disabled toilet and refurbish existing toilets within the confines of the toilet block.