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Strategic Licensing Committee
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MINUTES OF THE LICENSING ACT SUB-COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY, 17TH SEPTEMBER 2013 IN THE LUDLOW ROOM, THE SHIREHALL

10:00 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.

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Councillors: Vernon Bushell
Peter Cherrington
Keith Roberts

1. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

RESOLVED:

That Councillor Keith Roberts be elected Chairman of the Licensing Act Sub-Committee for the duration of the meeting.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

None were declared.

3. APPLICATION FOR A PREMISES LICENCE

Consideration was given to an application for a Premises Licence in respect of Empire Cupcakery, 5 Roushill, Shrewsbury, SY1 1PQ.

Ms Fiona Hindmarch (Applicant); Mr A Shrank, (Interested Party – representing the Shrewsbury Town Residents Association) and Mr S Ditton (Public Protection Officer - Specialist) were present.

Ms Fiona Hindmarch (Applicant) presented her case to the Sub-Committee explaining that she had made the application for a premises licence to supply alcohol to customers at cupcake decorating parties, wine tasting evenings and cake decorating classes. Ms Hindmarch explained that first and foremost her business was a coffee shop selling baked goods with a family friendly ethos.

In response to questions from Members of the Sub-Committee, the applicant confirmed that:

- She intended to play unamplified music, along with an occasional live acoustic musician, until no later than 9 p.m.
- She did not intend to open 7 days a week for the full hours requested, however she wanted to have flexibility to vary her opening hours.
- She would operate a Challenge 21 Policy and would keep a Log.
- She understood that most establishments within the Town Centre allowed for half an hour between the latest sale of alcohol time and closing time.
- She was happy to amend her closing time to 23:30 hours which would allow 30 minutes of drinking up time from the latest sale of alcohol time which was 23:00 hours.

The Public Protection Officer (Specialist) addressed the Sub-Committee confirming that the application had been accepted as a valid application and noted that during the statutory consultation period one relevant representation had been made to the Licensing Authority. The Public Protection Officer (Specialist) confirmed that an extension of the opening hours was not an extension of the licensable activities and so would not require additional public consultation.

Mr A Shrank (Interested Party – representing Shrewsbury Town Residents Association) presented his case to the Sub Committee, explaining that his concerns were about the affect of having music together with the sale of alcohol and especially the sale of alcohol right up to the closing time of the premises.

The Chairman invited all parties to sum up and make any final comments prior to the Sub-Committee making a decision on the application.

Members of the Sub-Committee retired to consider the application, in private, at 10.32 a.m. and reconvened at 11.42 a.m. to announce their decision.

RESOLVED:

That the application for a premises licence for the Empire Cupcakery, 5 Roushill, Shrewsbury be granted subject to an amendment that the closing time shall be 23:30 hours each day.

That the steps put forward by the applicant in the operating schedule for promoting the licensing objectives (and that are also set out in the report to the sub committee) be made conditions on the premises licence with the

Team Manager, Operational Community Safety having authority to word such conditions appropriately.

Reasons:

The Sub-Committee had read all the relevant papers and had listened to all of the representations made at the meeting. The Sub-Committee understood the objector's point regarding the drinking up time but saw no reason why the application should not be granted subject to the amendment detailed above. Members also noted that all parties were in agreement with the new closing time.

The Sub-Committee believed that the conditions it had attached to the licence were appropriate and proportionate for the promotion of the Licensing Objectives, in particular the prevention of public nuisance.