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| Strategic Licensing Committee |
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MINUTES OF THE LICENSING ACT SUB-COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY, 1st OCTOBER 2013 IN THE SHREWSBURY ROOM, THE SHIREHALL

10:00 a.m. – 10:22 a.m.

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Councillors: Andrew Davies
Nigel Hartin
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 Greenfields Convenience Store, 41 Wood Street, Shrewsbury, SY1 2PN.

Mr G. Bhakar (Applicant); Mrs J. Eaton (Bridge's Marketing); Mr M. O'Grady (Bridge's Marketing); and Mr M. Howells (Public Protection Officer - Specialist) were in attendance.

Mrs J. Eaton (Applicant's Representative) presented her case to the Sub-Committee explaining that the applicant operated several premises in the Telford area and the opening hours requested would benefit local people, in particular shift workers. It was added that the store intended to introduce a number of non-profit making services for local residents including, Pay Point, National Lottery, Western Union and an ATM if the application was successful.

Mrs Eaton noted that these services were needed in the area following the closure of the Post Office.

In response to questions from Members of the Sub-Committee and the solicitor, the applicant's representative confirmed that:

- There was no parking outside the store, but most customers would travel on foot from the local area;
- The non-profit making services would only be introduced if the application was successful as alcohol sales would increase the shop turn over;
- There would be usually one member of staff working, but this would be increased, depending on the number of customers; and
- The other properties the applicant operated in the Telford area had Premises Licences.

The Public Protection Officer (Specialist) addressed the Sub-Committee confirming that the application for the new premises licence had been accepted as a valid application and during the statutory consultation period relevant representations had been made.

In response to questions from Members of the Sub-Committee the Public Protection Officer (Specialist) confirmed that:

- He was unaware if the premises had previously operated as a Post Office;
- The representation made had been in relation to the alcohol trading hours and despite negotiations this representation had not been withdrawn; and
- The interested Party was not in attendance.

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 10.12 a.m. and reconvened at 10.20 a.m. to announce their decision.

RESOLVED:

That the application for a premises licence for the Greenfields Convenience Store, 41 Wood Street, Shrewsbury, SY1 2PN be granted.

Reasons:

The Sub-Committee had read all the relevant papers and the written representations received from interested parties and considered the oral submissions of the applicant. Members saw no reason why the application should not be granted. The complainant had produced no evidence to indicate that granting the application would have a detrimental effect on any of the licensing objectives; if there were any problems in the future then a review of the licence could be requested. The matters set out in the operating schedule were to be made conditions on the licence (the wording to be set by the Team Manager Operational Community Safety. The setting of these conditions was an appropriate and proportionate measure to take for the furtherance of the licensing objectives.