

# **SHROPSHIRE COUNCIL**

## **LICENSING ACT SUB-COMMITTEE**

**Minutes of the meeting held on 1 February 2016**

**10.00 - 11.22 am in the Ludlow Room, Shirehall, Abbey Foregate, Shrewsbury,  
Shropshire, SY2 6ND**

**Responsible Officer:** Emily Marshall

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### **Present**

Councillors Peter Adams, Andrew Davies and Keith Roberts

### **22 Election of Chairman**

#### **RESOLVED:**

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

### **23 Disclosable Pecuniary Interests**

Members were reminded that they must not participate in the discussion or voting on any matter in which they had a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest and should leave the room prior to the commencement of the debate.

### **24 Application for a Variation of a Premises Licence - Bonds, Lower Claremont Bank, Shrewsbury**

Consideration was given to an application for a Variation of a Premises Licence in respect of Bonds, Lower Claremont Bank, Shrewsbury, Shropshire, SY1 1HH.

Mr G. White (Solicitor – Shropshire Council), Mr S. Ditton (Public Protection Officer – Specialist), PC Kevin. Roberts (West Mercia Police), Claire Augustus (West Mercia Police) and Mr R. Isaac (Objector) were present.

The Applicant and his Legal Representative were not in attendance. The Sub-Committee agreed to adjourn the meeting until 10.30 a.m. to allow the applicant time to attend.

The meeting reconvened at 10.30 a.m.. Mr G. White (Solicitor – Shropshire Council) informed the Sub-Committee that the Solicitor for the applicant had confirmed that he would not be attending the Hearing. The Sub-Committee agreed to proceed with the hearing in the absence of both the applicant and their legal representative.

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

PC Roberts (West Mercia Police), addressed the Sub-Committee presented his case to the Sub-Committee. PC Roberts explained that extending the operating times of the premises would lead to an increase in crime and disorder within the area. An extension of the opening hours may also have a detrimental impact on the residents living within the town centre and their right to peace and quiet.

In response to questions from Members of the Sub-Committee PC Roberts confirmed that:

- Although the area surrounding the premises was not predominantly residential, customers would be leaving the town centre via residential areas;
- Crime and disorder offence statistics were given, and it was highlighted that incidents ceased between the hours of 04:00 and 05:00 hours; and
- There was no evidence to directly link any of the incidents to Bonds.

Mr R. Isaac (Objector) addressed the Sub-Committee stating that if approved the additional opening hours would have a detrimental effect on local residents, particularly their right to enjoy a peaceful night's sleep, through the noise of customers leaving the premises and making their way home and also the noise from the opening and closing of the premises door.

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

- He lived opposite to the Sixth Form College: and
- He feared that the situation would be made worse near Bonds, because of the lack of public transport in the area and its close proximity to a busy junction.

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 10:51 a.m. and reconvened at 11:03 a.m. to announce their decision.

#### **RESOLVED:**

That the application for a variation of a premises licence for Bonds, Lower Claremont Bank, Shrewsbury, SY1 1RT, be granted for the following days, hours and licensable activity:

#### **Films, Indoor Sport, Live/Recorded Music, Performance of Dance (all indoors) and Sale of Alcohol on/off the premises**

Mon - Sat 10:00 - 04:00

Sun 10:00 - 02:00

#### **Opening hours**

Mon - Sat 10:00 -04:30

Sun 10:00 - 02:30

And in accordance with the operating schedule contained within the current premises licence.

**Reasons:** The Sub-Committee had considered all the representations that had been made by all parties before and at the hearing and were satisfied that the application would not compromise the licensing objectives.

The parties were advised that the decision would be confirmed in writing within 7 days of the date of the hearing. Every party had the right of appeal against this decision to the Magistrates Court within 21 days of being notified of the decision.

**25 Application for a Variation of a Premises Licence - Source Vodka Bar, Barker Street, Shrewsbury**

Consideration was given to an application for a Variation of a Premises Licence in respect of Source Vodka Bar, Barker Street, Shrewsbury, Shropshire, SY1 1QJ.

Mr G. White (Solicitor – Shropshire Council), Mr S. Ditton (Public Protection Officer – Specialist), PC Kevin. Roberts (West Mercia Police) and Claire Augustus (West Mercia Police) were present.

The Applicant and their Legal Representative were not in attendance. The Sub-Committee agreed to proceed with the hearing in the absence of the applicant or their legal representative.

The Public Protection Officer (Specialist) addressed the Sub-Committee, confirming that the application had been accepted as a valid application and that during the statutory consultation period relevant representations had been received. In response to a question from a Member of the Sub-Committee, the Public Protection Officer (Specialist) explained that the application being considered was for both floors within the premises and the sexual entertainment venue licence was separate from the application before the Sub-Committee.

PC Roberts (West Mercia Police), addressed the Sub-Committee. PC Roberts provided an overview of the figures in relation to crime and disorder incidents directly associated with the venue.

In response to questions from Members of the Sub-Committee PC Roberts confirmed that:

- The figures quoted for Crime and Disorder did not relate to the Sexual Entertainment Venue licence which only operated on Thursday nights; and
- The crime and disorder figures had not triggered a request for a review of the premises licence because, given the overall popularity of the venue, the crime statistics were considered to be low.

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 11:13 a.m. and reconvened at 11:21 a.m. to announce their decision.

**RESOLVED:**

That the application for a variation of a premises licence for Source Vodka Bar, Barker Street, Shrewsbury, SY1 1QJ be granted for the following days, hours and licensable activity:

**Films, Indoor Sport, Live/Recorded Music, Performance of Dance (all indoors) and Sale of Alcohol on/off the premises**

Mon - Tue 09:00-02:00

Wed - Sat 09:00-04:00

Sun 12:00-02:00

**Late Night Refreshment (indoors)**

Sun - Tue 23:00-02:00

Wed - Sat 23:00-03:00

**Opening hours**

Mon - Tue 09:00-02:30

Wed - Sat 09:00-04:30

Sun 12:00-02:30

And in accordance with the operating schedule contained within the current premises licence

**Reasons:** The Sub-Committee had considered all the representations that had been made by all parties before and at the hearing and were satisfied that the application did not compromise the licensing objectives.

The parties were advised that the decision would be confirmed in writing within 7 days of the date of the hearing. Every party had the right of appeal against this decision to the Magistrates Court within 21 days of being notified of the decision.

Signed ..... (Chairman)

Date: .....