

# SHROPSHIRE COUNCIL

## LICENSING ACT SUB-COMMITTEE

Minutes of the meeting held on 10 October 2016

11.00 - 11.45 am in the Ludlow Room, Shirehall, Abbey Foregate, Shrewsbury,  
Shropshire, SY2 6ND

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### **Present**

Councillors Vernon Bushell, Nic Laurens and Keith Roberts

### **7 Election of Chairman**

#### **RESOLVED:**

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

### **8 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.

### **9 Application for a new Club Certificate - Ellesmere Rangers Football Club, Club House, Beech Grove, Ellesmere, Shropshire, SY12 0BZ**

Consideration was given to an application for a Club Certificate in respect of Ellesmere Rangers Football Club, Club House, Beech Grove, Ellesmere, Shropshire, SY12 0BZ.

Ms Margaret Dodd - Club Secretary – Ellesmere Rangers FC, Mr David Guard (Chairman of Ellesmere Rangers FC), Mr M Jones (Committee Member of Ellesmere Rangers FC) (Applicants), Ms Louise Prince (Solicitor – Shropshire Council) and Mr Simon Ditton (Public Protection Officer - Specialist- Shropshire Council) were present.

Mr M Jones addressed the Sub-Committee, providing background information and explaining that the Club had received grant funding to rebuild the old Club House and part of the agreement had been that the Club House should be available for use by the wider Community.

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

- The objection received referred to a private birthday party and that the complaints mainly related to the noise from children playing outside; and
- There would always be a committee member present at private functions

In response to questions from the Sub-Committee, the Public Protection Officer explained that a Club Certificate would only permit the Club to serve alcohol to registered members and their guests. An alternative, which would allow for use by the wider community, would be to apply for a Temporary Event Notice (TEN) for each third party function, to make changes to the Club's Constitution or to apply for a Premises Licence which would be an additional cost but would provide the best solution if the Club intended to let the premises out on a regular basis.

The Chairman adjourned the meeting at 11.17 a.m. to allow time for the applicant to discuss how to proceed with the application. The meeting reconvened at 11.25 a.m. and the applicant confirmed that they wished to proceed with the application for a Club Certificate with a view to applying for TEN as and when required and amending the Club Constitution.

The Public Protection Officer (Specialist) addressed the Sub-Committee, confirming that one objection had been received from a local resident who had also raised concerns but was unable to attend the hearing.

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 11.28 a.m. and reconvened at 11.41 a.m. to announce their decision.

**RESOLVED:**

That the application for a Club Certificate for Ellesmere Rangers Football Club, Club House, Beech Grove, Ellesmere, SY12 0BZ be granted for the following days, hours and licensable activity:

**Supply of Alcohol - on the premises**

Monday to Saturday – 11:00 to 23:30

Sunday – 11:00 to 23:00

**Opening Hours**

Monday to Saturday – 11:00 to 00:00

Sunday – 11:00 to 23:30

And in accordance with the following operating schedule

General

Staff to be trained on all licensing issues (including Challenge 25).

Prevention of Crime and Disorder

Club will be members of the local pub watch scheme.

Prevention of Public Nuisance

Signs requesting people to be respectful and leave the premises quietly will be displayed.

Protection of Children from Harm

- 1. A Challenge 25 policy is in place and all customers who appear to be under 25 will be asked to show proof of age identification.
- 2. Challenge 25 posters will be displayed within the premises.
- 3. Forms of ID - will bear a photograph, date of birth and holographic mark.
- 4. A record book will be maintained to record all incidents of attempted under age purchases. This will be made available for inspection by police and officers of responsible authorities on request.
- 5. All staff receive training to include Challenge 25, refreshed at least annually, with staff training records retained and available for inspection by responsible authorities on request.

Reasons:

The Sub-Committee had considered all of the representations that had been made by all parties prior to the hearing and at the hearing. The Sub-Committee also took into account the Guidance issued under S182 of the Licensing Act 2003 and Shropshire Council’s Licensing Policy.

The Sub-Committee had noted the concerns of the local resident and understood their position and advised the applicant to keep doors to the premises closed as much as possible. However, having considered the application in detail and the answers given by the applicant the Sub-Committee were satisfied that the application satisfactorily promoted the licensing objectives and therefore granted the application as detailed above.

The applicant was advised that the decision would be confirmed in writing within 7 days of the date of the hearing and that 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: .....