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Strategic Licensing Committee

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MINUTES OF THE LICENSING ACT SUB-COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY, 18TH MARCH 2014 IN THE LUDLOW ROOM, SHIREHALL, SHREWSBURY.

10.00 a.m. - 10.39 a.m.

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Councillors: Joyce Barrow

Peter Cherrington Keith Roberts

30. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

RESOLVED:

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

31. 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.

32. APPLICATION FOR A PREMISES LICENCE

Consideration was given to an application for a Premises Licence in respect of Off Licence/Grocery Store, 45-46 High Street, Broseley, TF12 5EZ.

Mr G. White (Solicitor – Shropshire Council), Ms L. Prince (Solicitor – Shropshire Council (observing)), Mr S. Ditton (Public Protection Officer (Specialist)), Mr and Mrs P. S. Sandhu (Applicants), Mrs O'Reily (Objector), Mrs Challenor (local resident) and Mr Taylor (local resident) were present.

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Mrs Sandhu (The Applicant) presented the case to the Sub-Committee. Mrs Sandhu stated that she wanted allay the fears of local residents/objectors and proceeded to outline the steps that they would be taking to ensure that the business operated in accordance with the Licensing Objectives.

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

- Deliveries would be made via the gates to the rear of the premises, so that delivery vehicles were not causing an obstruction and taking up parking spaces at the front of the premises;
- The Sunday opening hours would be reviewed once the amount of trade was known and the they were willing to adjust these hours depending on the level of trade;
- They were local to Broseley and had been involved in the family retail business since 1987; and
- There was not currently a grocery shop operating from the premises.

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.

The Interested Parties (Objectors) addressed the Sub-Committee, stating that the population of Broseley was small and that at the current time there were 13 premises with a licence to sell alcohol within the town. Mr Taylor stated that he was concerned that an additional premise would have a damaging effect on social cohesion and the financial viability of existing businesses within the town. A lack of parking along the street was also a concern in this particular location, as the road was narrow and this would be worsened with the opening of an additional premise. Mr B Taylor explained that as a town centre resident he expected there to be a degree of noise, however he felt that an opening time of 6.00 a.m. on a Sunday was unacceptable.

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 10.21 a.m. and reconvened at 10.37 a.m. to announce their decision.

RESOLVED:

That the application for a premises licence for Off Licence/Grocery Store, 45-46 High Street, Broseley, TF12 5EZ be **granted** for the following days, hours and licensable activity:

Supply of alcohol off the premises Monday to Saturday – 06:00 to 23:00 Sunday 08:00 to 23:00

Opening Hours

Monday to Saturday – 06:00 to 23:00 Sunday 08:00 to 23:00

And in accordance with the following operating schedule:

Prevention of Crime and Disorder

Digital colour CCTV inside and outside premises operating and recording at all times when licensable activities are taking place. Images retained for a minimum of 31 days and made available in a viewable format to the Police and Licensing Authority on request.

Prevention of Public Nuisance

- 1. Litter bin outside premises emptied regularly.
- 2. Leave quietly notices above the door requesting customers to leave quietly and respect the neighbours.

Protection of Children from Harm

- 1. Challenge 25 Policy applied.
- 2. Refusals book maintained and made available to responsible authorities on request.
- 3. The till will have a proof of age prompt for alcohol.
- 4. Proof of ID by passport, photo card driving licence and/or PASS approved photo card.
- 5. Signage at points of sale.

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 satisfactorily promoted the licensing objectives with the exception of the times which had been requested. The Sub-Committee heard the concerns regarding the Sunday opening hours and shared those concerns. The Sub-Committee therefore considered that it was appropriate to restrict the opening hours/time for sale of alcohol on Sunday to 08:00 hours until 23:00 hours. The matters set out in the operating schedule (detailed above) were to be made conditions on the licence. The setting of these conditions was an appropriate and proportionate measure to take for the furtherance of the licensing objectives.