

BROMSGROVE DISTRICT COUNCIL

MEETING OF THE LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE

Tuesday 26th July 2005, at 10.00 a.m.

PRESENT: Councillors Mrs. S. J. Baxter, Miss D. H. Campbell J.P. and N. Psirides J.P.

Also in attendance were Mr. Townsend (Chairman of the Bromsgrove Unionist Club); Mr. M. Ray (Secretary of the Club); Ms. A. Pillinger (legal representative for the Club); Mrs. Taylor (a local resident) and Mr. Walton (a local resident).

04/05 **ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN**

RESOLVED: that Councillor N. Psirides J.P. be elected as Chairman for the Meeting.

05/05 **PROCEDURE**

The Chairman opened the hearing and introduced Members of the Sub-Committee and Officers present to the applicant and other parties present.

The Chairman invited the other parties present to identify themselves, so that the applicant and/or the objectors were able to satisfy themselves that no person who may be in a position to influence the Sub-Committee, remained in the room when the Sub-Committee deliberated their decision at the conclusion of the hearing.

The Chairman reminded all parties of the procedure to be adhered to during the hearing and that those parties present could be represented by a legal representative at their own expense or by a Ward Councillor.

06/05 **REPORT OF THE HEAD OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES RELATING TO NON-CONFIDENTIAL AND NON-EXEMPT ITEMS**

The Report of the Head of Administrative Services relating to non-confidential and non-exempt items was submitted.

Arising therefrom:

(1) **APPLICATION TO GRANT A PREMISES LICENCE - BROMSGROVE UNIONIST CLUB, KIDDERMINSTER ROAD, BROMSGROVE**

The Sub-Committee considered an application for the granting of a Premises Licence in respect of the Bromsgrove Unionist Club, Kidderminster Road, Bromsgrove. The application was subject to a hearing in light of the number of letters of objection received from local residents expressing their concerns in relation to the proposed extension of hours during which the premises would be able to retail alcohol and provide regulated entertainment.

Ms. Pillinger, the legal representative for the Club put forward the case on behalf of the applicant. In view of the concerns expressed by the local residents in respect of light pollution from the lighting in the car park and possible noise nuisance arising from the provision of regulated entertainment, Ms. Pillinger, informed the Sub-Committee that the applicant had agreed to the following undertaking being placed on the subsequent licence as a condition, namely that all doors and windows remain closed after 9.00 p.m. whilst regulated entertainment is taking place.

Representations were received from Mr. Walton and Ms. Taylor, two local residents.

Following consideration of the representations put forward by all parties, it was

RESOLVED: that the application for the granting of a Premises Licence in respect of the Bromsgrove Unionist Club, Kidderminster Road, Bromsgrove be granted, subject to the following additional condition:

- (a) that all doors and windows remain closed after 9.00 p.m. whilst regulated entertainment takes place.

The decision taken by the Sub-Committee was based on that the applicant giving his assurances that the current operation of the Club would not change. Furthermore it was considered that the light pollution could be dealt with by the suggestion put forward by the Club to co-opt Mr. Walton onto the appropriate committee at the Club, which would address the issue of lighting in the car park. With regard to noise nuisance, local residents would be able to 'call in' the licence for review if noise levels reached unsatisfactory levels under the new licensing regime.

The Meeting closed at 11.20 a.m.

Chairman