



To be submitted to the Council at its meeting on 17<sup>th</sup> March 2022

## **LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE**

**1<sup>st</sup> February 2022 at 2.00 p.m.**

### **Present:**

Councillors Beasant, Cairns and Harness

### **Officers in attendance:**

- Kate Brooks (Licensing Enforcement Officer)
- Iain Peck (Senior Licensing Enforcement Officer)
- Sophie Pickerden (Committee Support Officer)
- Eve Richardson-Smith (Deputy Monitoring Officer)
- Paul Windley (Democratic and Scrutiny Team Manager)

### **Others in attendance:**

- Councillor Green – Sidney Sussex Ward Councillor
- Mr Anthony Gregson - Hospitality Training Solutions
- Mr Jimmy Dordi – Applicant

### **LSC.14 APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR**

RESOLVED – That Councillor Harness be appointed as Chair for this meeting.

COUNCILLOR HARNESS IN THE CHAIR

### **LSC.15 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest received in respect of any item on the agenda for this meeting.

## **LSC.16      APPLICATION FOR A NEW PREMISES LICENCE – CLEETHORPES SOCIAL CLUB – REAR OF 71 GRIMSBY ROAD CLEETHORPES**

The Chair introduced himself, the other members of the sub-committee, and the officers present.

The sub-committee considered an application for a new premises licence in respect of the Premises known as “Cleethorpes Social Club” Rear of 71 Grimsby Road, Cleethorpes.

Mrs Richardson-Smith explained the procedure for the hearing and it was confirmed that there were no additional documents for consideration by the sub-committee.

Mr Peck summarised the application and referred to conditions offered by the applicant as a result of mediation, including conditions that had been agreed with Humberside Police. He outlined the representations received in relation to the application, including a petition objecting to the application. He noted that no Designated Premises Supervisor had been named as yet and that one would need to be appointed.

The Chair invited Mr Gregson to address the sub-committee on behalf of the applicant. Mr Gregson noted that a reduction in hours to those originally proposed had been agreed with the Environmental Health team and Humberside Police. He explained that it was not part of the business plan for the club to be open at all hours on a regular basis, but only if there were particular bookings. In terms of entertainment, the main focus of the premises was to be part of the local community, bringing back pool and snooker competitions, and they would limit entry to members and their guests. He suggested that the additional conditions would help to make the area safer and ensure that the licensing objectives were met.

The sub-committee took the opportunity to ask questions of the applicant and enquired about sound insulation, the applicant’s experience of working in the licensing trade, consultation with local residents, how guests would be managed and parking. The applicant and his representative responded, providing assurance on the matters raised.

The Chair invited Councillor Green to address the sub-committee on behalf of those who had made representations in objection to the application. Councillor Green confirmed the residents were not objecting to the premises opening in principle. She was concerned that a lot of children lived in close proximity to the premises and were used to playing out in the street, which was usually quiet with regard to traffic. She had further concerns about parking, noise, smoking in view of children, and fire safety. She referred to the petition, containing 40 signatures, and asked that the sale of alcohol end at 10.30 p.m. with the premises to close at 12 midnight. She further sought a restriction on deliveries to the premises. Councillor Green noted that this was a residential area with a

solid community surrounding it. She sought an assurance that the area around the premises would be kept clean and tidy.

The sub-committee was given the opportunity to ask questions of Councillor Green and enquired whether she had received any assurances from the comments made at this hearing by the applicant. Councillor Green acknowledged that it could be a valuable resource if the concerns of residents were addressed.

The Chair invited all parties to make their closing statements.

Mr Gregson noted the concerns of local residents and provided an assurance that they would be addressed. The area outside the premises would be kept clean and tidy and no drinks would be allowed outside. Smoking outside the premises would be difficult to control but the applicant was looking at a private smoking area.

The sub-committee withdrew to deliberate. After an interval, the sub-committee returned to advise of their findings.

The sub-committee was pleased to hear that the premises was being brought back to use and was to be part of the community. The sub-committee was also impressed with the ambition for the club.

The sub-committee acknowledged the residents' concerns, but was assured that this business would be well run and managed and was reassured that it would promote the licensing objectives with the stringent conditions attached to the Premises Licence.

The sub-committee noted that the conditions they would have considered have already been proposed and agreed between the owner and Responsible Authorities, both Environmental Protection and Humberside Police, so no further conditions were appropriate at this time. The sub-committee noted that the applicant was looking to provide a private smoking area outside the premises and strongly advised that this be pursued.

The sub-committee stressed to the residents that if any problems did arise that the matter could be brought back to be re-considered upon review.

**RESOLVED** – That the application, as amended, for a new premises licence in respect of the Premises known as “Cleethorpes Social Club” be approved.

There being no other business, the Chair thanked those in attendance for their contributions and concluded the meeting at 3.04 p.m.