Minutes of a Meeting of the Licensing Committee of Adur District Council Queen Elizabeth II Room, Shoreham Centre 29 March 2017

Councillor Brian Coomber (Chairman)
*Councillor David Simmons (Vice-Chairman)

*Councillor James Butcher Councillor Stephen Chipp Councillor Emma Evans Councillor Robin Monk *Councillor Peter Metcalfe Councillor David Lambourne Councillor Lyn Philips *Councillor Ben Stride

* Absent

LC/16-17/22 Declarations of Interest

There were no declaration of interests

LC/16-17/23 Confirmation of Minutes

Resolved: that the minutes of the Licensing Committee meeting of held on 16 January 2017 be confirmed as the correct record

LC/16-17/24 Questions and Statements by the Public

There were no questions or statements from members of the public

LC/16-17/25 Items Raised Under Urgency Provisions

There were no items.

LC/16-17/26 Determination of an Application for a new Premises Licence at: Pannisa Coffee Lounge, 19 Southwick Square, Southwick

Before the Committee was a report by the Director for Communities, copies of which had been circulated to all Members and a copy of which is attached to the signed copy of these Minutes as Item 5. An application for a Premises Licence had been made for a new Premises Licence to authorise the sale of alcohol for consumption on the premises. The application has been the subject of formal representation by a responsible authority and a member of the public and it therefore fell to members to determine.

The Licensing Officer introduced the report to the Committee and told Members that the premises had agreed to additional conditions sought by Sussex Police and as such the Police were happy to withdraw their objection should the mediated agreement be included on the licence. Mediation with the member of the public, had, however been unsuccessful. A Member asked if the person making the objection was the son of a local competitor to the business. The Licensing Officer confirmed that this was the case.

Members were told that the member of the public making the objection would not be present at the hearing but he had asked Members to consider his representation in making their decision.

The applicants made their representation which is summarised as follows:

- They ran a small business successfully for the previous 2 years;
- Their business was frequented by older people and families;
- There was a lighthearted and friendly atmosphere at the premises;
- They wanted to serve alcohol for some customers who wanted more choice;
- In the two years the business had been operating they had seen no anti social behaviour during their hours of operation;
- The business was ideal for elderly people who felt intimidated by pubs and they could provide alcohol in an environment they were more comfortable in.

A Member asked if they planned to serve alcohol with food and the applicant responded that this would be the case.

The Committee adjourned at 7:09pm

The Committee reconvened at 7:16pm

The meeting was told that in making its decision the Licensing Committee gave due regard to the Home Office guidance, the Council's own Licensing Policy and relevant licensing legislation. The Committee also gave regard to Human Rights legislation and the rules of natural justice. Due consideration was given to all representations made at the hearing and in writing. In discharging its functions the Committee did so with a view to promoting the Licensing Objectives, the relevant objectives here were the Prevention of Crime and Disorder and the Prevention of Public Nuisance.

Resolved: that the premises licence should be:

Granted for the sale of alcohol between:

1100hours to 1630hours - Monday to Saturday 1100hours to 1530hours - Sunday

The licence will contain the condition detailed in the email from Sussex Police dated 15 February 2017 and at paragraph 4.3 of the Committee report. This was agreed by the applicant prior to the hearing.

Reasons for decision: The applicant has taken into account the concerns of the Police and the condition was agreed prior to the hearing.

The Licensing Committee has considered the other representation made but is satisfied that the additional condition agreed and those already volunteered by the applicant will address the concerns raised by the objector and as such the licensing objectives would not be undermined by the grant of this premises licence.

The meeting ended at 7.25pm it having commenced at 7.00pm

Chairman