

**Minutes of a Meeting of the
WBC Sub Committee of the Licensing and Control Committee 'B' of
Worthing Borough Council**

Council Chamber, Town Hall, Chapel Road, Worthing

Wednesday 30 July 2014

Councillor Mark Nolan (Chairman)

Councillor Callum Buxton

Councillor Keith Bickers

*Absent

Also Present:	Simon Jones	Senior Licensing Officer
	Michele Wilkinson	Solicitor
	Neil Terry	Senior Democratic Services Officer
	Laura Evans	Whitbread Group Plc Representative (applicant)
	Tim Shield	Applicant's Agent

LCCB/14-15/16 Declarations of Interest / Substitute Members

There were no declarations of interest or substitutions.

**LCCB/14-15/17 Licensing Act 2003 – Application for a new Premises Licence at:
Premier Inn, 123 Marine Parade, Worthing, BN11 3QJ**

Before the Sub Committee was a report by the Director for Customer Services, a copy of which had been distributed to all members, and a copy of which is attached to the signed copy of these minutes as item 2.

The Sub Committee had been called to determine an application by Whitbread Group Plc for a new premises licence to authorise the sale of alcohol for consumption on & off the premises, the provision of film and the provision of late night refreshment at the Premier Inn, 123 Marine Parade, Worthing.

The application had been the subject of formal representation by a member of the public (attached to the report as Appendix D) and it therefore fell to the Sub Committee to determine the application.

The Senior Licensing Officer introduced the report and sought confirmation from the applicant that he had provided an accurate representation of the application. Members were advised that the options available to the Sub Committee were set out in paragraph 9.3 of the report and that reasons for decisions must be recorded.

The Chairman sought clarification regarding the application to supply alcohol for consumption on and off the premises.

The Senior Licensing Officer advised that this was a standard industry request. A Member of the Sub Committee noted that the application was for a 24 hour licence for

residents and guests of residents. He questioned how staff would ascertain whether a customer at the bar was indeed a resident or guest of a resident.

The applicant advised that the hotel reception looked directly into the restaurant / bar area which would enable staff to monitor who was coming and going and that bar staff would ask for room key / name of resident identification before serving customers.

The Chairman noted that the local resident who had submitted a representation was not present at the meeting. The Sub Committee acknowledged receipt of the representation and then the Chairman invited the applicant to make their oral submission.

Mr Shield advised the Committee that the application before them was from the Whitbread Group Plc who already ran a number of hotels up and down the country. The Committee were informed that the site on Marine Parade would be more food orientated and primarily be a restaurant, with a bar, and that the applicant had been happy to agree to Sussex Police's requirements. It was stated that the hours applied for were a fairly standard offer in order to provide the business with a degree of flexibility. Mr Shield advised Members that any existing problems with noise etc were nothing to do with Whitbread Group Plc and that the clientele of the hotel were unlikely to cause any concerns in this respect. He also reiterated that Sussex Police did not have any objections to the application.

The Chairman sought clarification in regards to the exhibition of films aspect of the licence.

The applicant advised that such a provision enabled the exhibition of film, principally non-live television or educational videos (such as staff training videos).

The Chairman thanked all parties for their submissions.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:52pm for the sub-committee to consider its decision.

The meeting was reconvened at 7:00pm.

The Chairman of the Committee advised that in reaching its decision, the Licensing and Control Sub Committee had given due regard to Home Office guidance, the Council's own Licensing Policy and the relevant licensing legislation. The Committee had also given regard to Human Rights legislation and to the rules of natural justice. Due consideration was given to all representations made at the hearing and received in writing. In discharging its functions, the Sub Committee did so with a view to promoting the Licensing Objectives, the relevant objectives in this matter were the Prevention of Crime and Disorder, Prevention of Public Nuisance and the Protection of Children from Harm.

Resolved:

The decision of the Sub Committee was that the premises licence should be:

Granted in accordance with the application including the amended conditions as detailed in an email from Sussex Police on 27 May 2014 and outlined in the report before this Committee at paragraph 8.2.

Reasons for Decision:

The Sub Committee was satisfied that the conditions proposed by the applicant, and the conditions agreed by the applicant and the Police did not undermine the licensing objectives.

The applicant was reminded that it was a criminal offence under the Licensing Act 2003 to carry out licensable activities from any premises in breach of a premises licence.

The parties would be notified in writing of the decision within five working days.

The meeting was declared closed by the Chairman at 7.03pm, it having commenced at 6.30pm.

Chairman