

## **CITY OF DURHAM PARISH COUNCIL**

**Minutes of a meeting of the Licensing Committee held on Friday 7 December 2018 at 14:00 in Room 2, Alington House, 4 North Bailey, Durham, DH1 3ET**

Present:

Councillors L Brown, E Ashby, R Cornwell & D Freeman

Also present A Shanley

A Shanley welcomed all Councillors to the meeting and started by explaining the role and function of the licensing committee, reminding Councillors of the Committee's terms of reference and the objectives of a licensing committee.

### **1. Election of Chair.**

A Shanley invited Councillors to elect a new Chair for the Committee. Cllr L Brown was elected Chair of the Committee.

Cllr L Brown in the Chair

### **2. Election of Vice Chair.**

Cllr L Brown requested any nominations for the role of Vice Chair. Cllr E Ashby was elected Vice Chair of the Committee.

### **3. To receive any declarations of interest from Members.**

No declarations of interest were received from Members.

### **4. Public participation.**

No members of the public were present for the meeting, however Cllr L Brown did report that she had received correspondence from a concerned local taxi driver about Newcastle Uber drivers operating in Durham and therefore having an impact on local taxi firms. She advised that, at present Uber did have a private license agreement with Durham County Council but this was only for a small number of vehicles. The local taxi driver had raised the concern that there seemed to be a high number of Uber drivers operating from the Newcastle area within Durham. Cllr L Brown advised that she would like to bring this to the Committee's attention.

Cllr L Brown also reported that she had received concerns from members of the public over the number of A boards and street furniture from local businesses in Durham. Cllr R Cornwell reported that local businesses may require something called a pavement or street display license in order to put A board etc. on to public pathways. The committee asked A Shanley to look into this further with Licensing at the County Council.

### **5. Recent licensing applications.**

A Shanley reported that the deadline to respond to the Durham Gin Ltd application and the application from Mr J Chadwick had passed by the time of the meeting and therefore there were only two applications to discuss.

### **33 Durham Ltd application – application to vary a premises license.**

Some concern was expressed about the proposed new operating hours.

The Committee decided to object to this application under the objective of preventing public nuisance. Members expressed concern about the proposed new operating hours and the impact of noise as a result of playing recorded music at the premise until 2am on nearby residents as well as students. Cllr E Ashby asked whether, were the Committee to resolve not to object, their response could be qualified by the statement “subject to the police being happy with the proposed new operating hours”

### **Whitbread Group Plc – new premises license application.**

It was noted that the majority of Premier Inn establishments now operate a bar and restaurant. The Committee felt that there was no reason to object to this application.

### **6. Correspondence regarding a local pizza company.**

Cllr L Brown advised that she had received a perceived complaint about a local pizza company not adhering to its licensing requirements and operating longer than its permitted hours.

Cllr L Brown reported that, since receiving this complaint, it seemed that the local pizza company had been operating within its permitted hours and therefore the Committee ought to treat this as for information purposes and review the situation again should there be a reoccurrence.

Cllr L Brown thanked Members for their attendance and closed the meeting.

Signed

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Cllr L Brown

Chair of City of Durham Licensing Committee