

LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE

Friday 11th December 2015, at 10.30 am

In a Conference Room, Council House, Walsall

Present:-

Councillor Rochelle (Chairman)
Councillor Anson
Councillor Sarohi

In Attendance:-

Steven Knapper – Principal Licensing Officer – Walsall MBC
Emma Oliver – Legal Services – Walsall MBC
PC Neil Gardiner – West Midlands Police
PS Lee Hayles- West Midlands Police
Mr Heath Thomas- HCR for the applicant
Mr Mohammed Aziz
Mr Mohammed Jamal Ali- Premises License Holder
Mr Ahmed Ali Mohammed- Designated Premises Supervisor

Appointment of Chairman

Resolved

That Councillor Rochelle be appointed Chairman of the Licensing Sub-Committee for this meeting only.

Councillor Rochelle in the Chair

Welcome

The Chairman extended a welcome to all persons present at the Licensing Sub-Committee which had been established under the Licensing Act, 2003.

Apologies

An apology for non-attendance was submitted on behalf of Councillor Sears.

Declarations of Interest

There were no Declarations of Interest.

Licence Hearing

Application for a Premises Licence variation under Section 34 of the Licensing Act, 2003 – Vina Mini Market, 17 Caldmore Green, Walsall, WS1 3RL

The report of the Head of Economy and Environment was submitted:-

(see annexed)

Councillor Rochelle explained the purpose of the meeting and requested the Principal Licensing Officer (Mr Knapper) to explain the application.

Mr Thomas (HCR) advised the Sub-Licensing Committee that having spoken to PC Gardiner prior to the meeting, a compromise had been arrived at and the premises license variation had been reduced from two hours to one hour and further applications would be delayed for at least 6 months to enable the applicants to have the opportunity to run the premises correctly.

He added that if granted, the opening hours for the premises and the supply of alcohol would run from 0800-2300 hours Monday to Sunday. In view of this amendment to the terminal hour, PC Gardiner reported that the police objection had been withdrawn. Mr Thomas stated that the Sub Committee could now grant the amended licence variation as uncontested.

Councillor Anson asked if other licensed premises in the Caldmore Green area had similar closing times. Mr Thomas replied that at least one premise closed at 2300 hours and another at midnight.

PC Gardiner remarked that West Midlands Police had objected to the licence variation in the first place because they felt that a two hour extension to midnight was inappropriate in that area. A closure at 2300 hours was acceptable.

The Licensing Sub-Committee took note of the above comments and it was agreed that:

(1) The Licensing Sub-Committee grants a premises licence variation under Section 34 of the Licensing Act, 2003 in respect of Vina Mini Market, 17 Caldmore Green, Walsall, WS1 3RL for a supply of alcohol between the hours of 0800-2300 hours Monday to Sunday;

(2)The applicants agreed to delay any further applications to vary the premises licence for at least 6 months to ensure that the premises are run correctly.

Termination of meeting

The meeting terminated at 10.45am

Chairman.....

Date.....