

At a meeting of the LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE

Held on 6 September 2022 at 10.30 a.m.

In the Council Chamber, Council House, Walsall

Present: Councillor S. Samra (Chair)
Councillor B. Bains
Councillor N. Gandham

In attendance: Mr S. Alom, Team Leader – Team Leader, Licensing
Mr P. Green, Legal Advisor
Mrs H. Owen, Democratic Services Officer

Dalvinder Kaur Sall, Joint applicant
Sanjeev Singh, Joint applicant

Part 1 Public Session:

5/22 Appointment of Chair

Resolved:

That Councillor S. Samra be appointed Chair of the Licensing Sub-Committee for this meeting.

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and introductions took place.

6/22 Apologies

There were no apologies.

7/22 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

8/22 Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985 (as amended):

There were no items for consideration in the private session of the agenda.

9/22 Application for new premises licence – 62 Walsall Road, Aldridge

A report of the Director, Resilient Communities was submitted together with the procedure to be followed:

(see annexed)

The applicants confirmed that they had received a copy of the report and understood the procedure to be followed.

Mr S. Alom, Team Leader, Licensing, presented the report.

The applicant had no questions of Mr Alom.

Mr Alom responded to questions and points of clarification from members during which time he confirmed that there had been a previous premises licence revoked due to the poor management of the premises including not dealing with gangs, weapons found at the venue and sale of tobacco however, he understood that the new applicants had no connection to the previous licensee. He confirmed that since the Licensing Act 2003, there had been four changes of licence holders and Designated person.

The applicant, Ms Kaur-Sall, addressed members. She said that he had run a similar business for over forty years in a challenging area of Handsworth and that during that time, he had had no issues with schools, had assisted the police and local authority on numerous occasions. Ms Kaur-Sall added that this was a family run business and she wished to build the business further.

Mr Alom had no questions of Ms Kaur Sall.

Ms Kaur-Sall then responded to questions from members during which time he said that he was experienced running an off-licence and in building relationships with the children, families and parents to avoid antisocial behaviour and nuisance. She said that he had asked for 8 a.m. to 11pm as he wanted to keep within the legal time hours to give him flexibility and these were the same hours as other local outlets, however she would be amenable to amend the hours should the sub-committee consider this to be necessary. Furthermore, she said that she would be happy to work with the school, police and local authority officers, as she had done in her previous business to avoid antisocial behaviour and confirmed that she had at least two staff on the premises during pre and post school times. She assured members that Challenge 25, requests for ID and other conditions agreed were in place.

Members were directed to the written objections contained in the report. It was noted that there were no objections from responsible authorities and that mediated conditions had been agreed between the applicants and West Midlands Police.

Parties withdrew whilst the sub-committee deliberated and reached a decision.

Members considered the representations both written and verbal following which it was **Moved** by Councillor Gandham, **Seconded** by Councillor Bains and upon being put to the vote was:

Resolved:

That the sub-committee having considered the representations made both for and against the application grants he applications subject to the mediated conditions agreed with West Midlands Police and the additional condition that two members of staff must be present between 08:00 – 09:00 hours and 15:00 – 16:00 hours when the schools in the vicinity are opening and closing.

Parties were recalled and advised of the decision.

Termination of meeting

The meeting terminated at 11.10a.m.

Signed.....
Chair

Date.....