

Licensing Sub-Committee – 2 August 2005

Minutes of the meeting of the **Licensing Sub-Committee** held on **2 August 2005** when there were present:-

Chairman: Cllr Mrs R Brown

Cllr T G Cutmore

Cllr Mrs B J Wilkins

OFFICERS PRESENT

A J Bugeja	- Head of Legal Services
K Doyland	- Licensing Manager
N Khan	- Solicitor
A Law	- Solicitor
P Nellies	- Licensing Officer
J Spink	- Licensing Assistant
M Martin	- Committee Administrator

1 APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN

Councillor Mrs R Brown was appointed Chairman of the Sub-Committee.

2 PROCEDURE FOR LICENSING HEARING

The Committee noted the procedure to be followed in hearing the review.

3 LICENSING APPLICATION

The Committee considered an application for variation of a premises licence made under section 34 of the Licensing Act 2003. The application related to premises known as The Golden Lion in North Street, Rochford. Members had before them the report of the Head of Housing, Health and Community Care setting out the details of the application and the representations received.

Of particular concern to objectors was the fact that if the applicant was granted permission to keep the premises open until 2 am, together with the possibility of live music being played until midnight on weekdays as well as Saturdays, this could lead to disturbance on the street outside as customers left the premises and waited for taxis. There was a general objection to the premises being granted permission to open after 11 pm on Sundays to Thursdays.

In support of the application the applicant advised that:-

- Problems associated with noise in North Street could generally be attributed to the fact that there were a number of public houses and restaurants within the immediate area.

- Live music would finish at midnight and the extension of the opening time until 2 am would enable customers to wait for taxis whilst remaining on the premises.
- The premises would not remain open until 2 am on a regular basis.
- 7 days' notice would be provided to the Environmental Health office prior to any function involving live music.
- The public house had a regular clientele who were of a more mature age and as such the premises did not attract young people.
- Every effort would be made to ensure that customers leave the premises in a considerate manner; this could include posting notices inside by way of a reminder.
- Off sales are confined to those customers who have been on the premises during the evening.
- People who had already been drinking elsewhere during an evening were not allowed in at a late hour.
- She would be happy to consider any reasonable request to turn down the music, were the noise considered to be excessive.
- No personal complaints from neighbours had ever been received.

Whilst being mindful of the representations, the Sub-Committee were of the view that concerns relating to the prevention of crime and disorder/ public nuisance would be adequately addressed by the applicant and that the position could be subject to review should any complaints be received by the Council.

Resolved

That the application be granted subject to the conditions specified in the operating schedule. (HHHCC)

The meeting commenced at 10.00am and closed at 10.48am.

Chairman

Date