MINUTES OF: LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE

HEARING UNDER THE LICENSING ACT 2003

DATE OF MEETING: 29th January 2010

PRESENT: Councillor Eaton (Chairman)

Councillors Neal and C Pilling

IN ATTENDANCE: Miss S Blackwell, Trainee Solicitor (Legal

Advisor)

Miss S Chadwick, Licensing Administration

Officer (Licensing Officer)

Mrs Tracy Brzozowski, Licensing and Planning

Enforcement Manager (Part)

Miss M Hargreaves, Committee Officer (Hearing

Administrator)

ALSO PRESENT: Mr Mark Driver, Police Constable, Licensing Unit

Mr Mark Walker, Police Constable, Licensing Unit

(Applicants)

Mr David Wellford (Licence Holder)

Mr John Corbett (Representative of the License

Holder)

1 member of the Press

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND NOTIFICATION OF SUBSTITUTES

There were no apologies for absences submitted.

2. CHAIRMAN'S INTRODUCTION

The Chairman welcomed all parties to the meeting and asked the members of the Sub-Committee and Officers to introduce themselves.

The Chairman asked the Applicant, the Licence Holder and the License Holders Representative to introduce themselves.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were made at the meeting.

4. APPLICATION TO REVIEW PREMISES LICENCE AT: THE QUEENS HOTEL, 1 BANK STREET, RAWTENSTALL, BB4 7NF.

It was confirmed that no parties wished to withdraw their representations.

The Licensing Holder requested additional information to be considered at the meeting. Following agreement from both parties the Chairman agreed to circulate and consider the additional information to the Committee.

HEARING PROCESS

At the Hearing, the Licensing Officer's report was presented and representations were made to the Sub-Committee by the Applicant, the Licence Holder and Representative.

The Sub-Committee asked questions to both the Applicant and the Licence Holder. After questioning, the Chairman asked both parties for their final closing statements.

DETERMINATION

Following the representations made by all parties, the Chairman and Sub-Committee members left the room in order to discuss the application and representations made in respect thereof. The Legal Advisor and the Hearing Administrator also left the room.

RESOLVED:

After giving consideration to all the written and verbal representations made by the Applicant and the Licence Holder; and after giving proper consideration to the Licensing Objectives, the Sub-Committee appointed under the Licensing Act 2003 decided to take the following action on the review of the Premises Licence under Section 52(4) of the 2003 Act:

That the hours for licensable activity to be reduced to 01.30 hours on Fridays and Saturdays, Christmas Eve, Boxing Day, and New Years Eve, with the premises closing 30 minutes thereafter.

That door supervisors will wear visible Hi Visibility jackets at all times when on duty, both inside and outside the premises and ID badges must be worn and visible at all times.

Door supervisors shall be equipped with an appropriate method of keeping an accurate record of the capacity levels.

There must be a minimum of one door staff on every exit from 19.00 to 22.30 and from 22.30 a minimum of 2 door staff on every exit up to closing time on Fridays and Saturdays, Christmas Eve, Boxing Day, and New Years Eve.

No bottles, glasses or polycarbonate containers or any alcohol to be taken outside the building including the beer garden/car park after 19.00.

On Fridays and Saturdays, Christmas Eve, Boxing Day, and New Years Eve after 19.00, no drinks will be sold in either glass bottles or any other vessel or container made of glass. Any drink will be either served in a polycarbonate vessel or plastic bottle or alternatively will be decanted into a plastic container or vessel before being given to the customer.

That printed notices shall be prominently displayed at each external entrance detailing the 'Challenge 21 Drink Aware Scheme' to be a size of A3 minimum and in colour.

That printed notices shall be prominently displayed at each internal entrance and in each toilet cubicle detailing the 'Challenge 21 Drink Aware Scheme' to be a size of A3 minimum and in colour.

The Sub-Committee advised the Licence Holder that if after a period of 3 months these conditions are adhered to, and it can be demonstrated that incidents involving the police and antisocial behaviour has reduced, the Licence Holder may apply to vary the premises licence.

The Sub-Committee were satisfied that these measures were necessary to satisfy the following licensing objectives:

Prevention of Crime and Disorder Protection of Public Safety Prevention of Public Nuisance Protection of Children from Harm

The Chairman informed that there was a right of appeal for all parties before the Magistrates Court within 21 days of the date of service of the Determination Notice.

The meeting commenced at 3.30pm and closed at 6.45pm