

Licensing Sub-Committee

Monday, 3rd November, 2014

PRESENT: Councillor C Townsley in the Chair

Councillors N Buckley and B Flynn

59 Election of the Chair

RESOLVED – That Councillor Townsley be elected Chair for the duration of the meeting.

60 Appeals Against Refusal of Inspection of Documents

There were no appeals against refusal of inspection of documents.

61 Exempt Information - Possible Exclusion of the Press and Public

There were no exempt items.

62 Late Items

There were no late items.

63 Declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests

There were no declarations of disclosable pecuniary interests.

64 Application for the grant of a premises licence for Garforth Working Mens Club 55 Barleyhill Road, Garforth, Leeds, LS25 1AU

An application for the grant of a Premises Licence was made by Garforth Working Mens Club 55 Barleyhill Road, Garforth, Leeds, LS25 1AU.

The Licensing Sub Committee were informed that the premises currently benefits from a Club Premises Certificate which was granted in 2005 under the Licensing Act 2003. The applicant requested the application of a Premises Licence to enable members of the public to attend functions without the need to apply for a Temporary Event Notice.

There were no representations from responsible authorities an agreement had been reached between the applicant and West Yorkshire Police.

The application received a representation from a member of the public who had concerns regarding noise issues.

Clarification was given to the Committee Members that this application was for the grant of a Premises Licence from a Club Premises Certificate with no changes to the current operational hours.

Mr Keith Varley the Secretary of the Garforth Working Mens Club was in attendance at the hearing.

Mr Varley informed the Members that the Garforth Working Mens Club was a small community club sited close to a housing estate.

Mr Varley explained that the club were trying to diversify encouraging families in to the club, family events such as birthday parties, and charity events to enable the club to remain open.

Members were informed that the Garforth Working Mens Club were through to the finals of 'Club of the Year' which are due to take place at the end of November in Manchester.

Facilities at the club are also used by a number of groups including Weight Watchers and the karate club. The club had also been approached by Garforth Villa, a local football team from the area who wish to use the club as their base.

Members were informed that the club would still run as a club with a secretary, an elected committee of 12 members, with club members and guests signing in.

The Licensing Officer informed the Committee that technically a Premises Licence would change the club into a public house however the Garforth Working Mens Club wanted the club to essentially remain a club but encourage family and friends of members to attend for special occasions.

The Licensing Sub Committee had noted that the representation from a member of the public had made reference to the issue of parking on Barleyhill Road. In response Mr Varley informed Members that the club had a large car park at the rear of the club which was used by club members. Mr Varley was of the view that parking on the road was due to the use of the school and scout hut further along the road.

RESOLVED – That the Licensing Sub Committee carefully considered the application and resolved to grant the application as requested. The Garforth Working Mens Club to surrender the Club Premises Certificate and in place hold a Premises Licence with conditions determined by West Yorkshire Police incorporated within that Premises Licence.