

Licensing Sub-Committee

Tuesday, 28th July, 2015

PRESENT: Councillor G Hyde in the Chair

Councillors A Ogilvie and C Townsley

23 Election of the Chair

RESOLVED – Councillor Hyde was elected as Chair for the duration of the meeting.

24 Appeals Against Refusal of Inspection of Documents

There were no appeals against the refusal of inspection of documents.

25 Exempt Information - Possible Exclusion of the Press and Public

RESOLVED – That the public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of that part of the agenda designated as exempt information on the grounds that it is likely, in view of the nature of the business to be transacted or the nature of the proceedings, that if members of the public were present there would be disclosure to them of exempt information so designated as follows:-

(a) Appendix A of the report referred to in minute 25 both in terms of Regulation 14 of the Licensing Act 2003 (Hearing Regulations 2005) and the Licensing Procedure Rules, and on the grounds that it is not in the public interest to disclose the contents as the information therein pertains to an individual and that person would not reasonably expect their personal information or discussions thereon to be in the public domain; and

(b) The Sub Committee also noted that the press and public would also be excluded from that part of the hearing where Members deliberate the application as it is in the public interest to allow the Members to have full and frank debate on the matter, as allowed under the provisions of the Licensing Procedure Rules.

26 Late Items

There were no late items submitted to the agenda for consideration, However Supplementary information was circulated to all parties in relation to Agenda Item 6 “Application for the Grant of a Personal Licence for Martin Marufu” (Minute No 25 refers)

27 Declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests

No declarations were made.

28 Application for the Grant of a Personal Licence for Martin Marufu

The Sub-Committee considered an application for the grant of a personal licence for Martin Marufu.

A representation had been received by West Yorkshire Police. The representation was based on the grounds of prevention of crime and disorder.

Bob Patterson, Leeds District Licensing Officer attended the hearing on behalf of West Yorkshire Police.

Mr Patterson informed the Sub-Committee that West Yorkshire Police did not object to applications routinely but on this occasion objected on the grounds that granting the licence would undermine the crime prevention objective. Mr Patterson also informed the Sub-Committee that despite West Yorkshire Police's objection to the grant of the licence the Sub-Committee still had the discretion to grant it.

At this point Members of the Sub-Committee questioned Mr Paterson about the reasons for the objection.

Mr Marafu addressed the Committee and explained the reason why he wished to obtain a personal licence, he also attempted to address the objections made by West Yorkshire Police.

At this point the Sub-Committee questioned Mr Marafu about his application.

RESOLVED – That the application be refused.