Stafford
BOROUGH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Licensing Sub Committee held in the Civic Centre, Riverside, Stafford on Tuesday 11 May 2021

Chair - Councillor A P Edgeller

Present (for all or part of the meeting):-

Councillors:
A M Loughran   R M Sutherland

Officers in Attendance:-

Mr S Turner	-	Legal Services Manager
Ms K McKinney	-	Enforcement Officer
Mr J Dean	-	Democratic Services Officer
Mr A Bailey	-	Scrutiny Officer

Also in Attendance (Via Zoom);-

Mr M Beasley	-	Applicant
Mr A James	-	Applicant
Mr J McClean	-	Objector

LSC11   Application for a Premises Licence

Considered the report of the Licensing Officer in relation to an application for a Premises Licence Application for The Ship Aground, 3-4 Lichfield Road, Stafford, ST17 4JX.

On 17 March 2021 the Council received a premises licence application for The Ship Aground, 3-4 Lichfield Road, Stafford; the consultation end date being 14 April 2021. The application was made by Mr Alexander James and Mr William Roberts, as The Ship Aground Limited.

On 30 March 2021 an email was received from the Staffordshire Police Licensing Team making representations stating that in its current form the application would not promote the licensing objectives however they also stated that they have consulted with the Applicants and had agreed amendments to the operating schedule so the application was no longer contested.

On 14 April 2021 4 relevant representations were received from 4 separate objectors via a representative from Elephant Associates, John McLean.

Ms K McKinney attended the meeting on behalf of the Head of Operations and introduced the report for Members.

Mr J McClean outlined the case in objection to the Application for the Premises Licence.

All parties were given the opportunity to question Mr McClean.

Mr M Beasley and Mr A James outlined their case in support of the Application for the Premises Licence.

All parties were given the opportunity to question
Mr Beasley and Mr James.

All parties were then given the opportunity to sum up their case.

The Sub Committee then considered the matter in private.

Recording of the meeting was paused and then restarted when all parties were back in the room.

All parties were invited back into the meeting for the Sub Committee's decision.

RESOLVED:-   The application for the premises licence is **granted**, subject to the conditions agreed between the Applicants and Staffordshire Police specified in the email of 30 March 2021, and included in the **APPENDIX** to the Report ("the Negotiated Conditions").

REASONS FOR DECISION:-

(i) The Committee noted the extensive provisions contained in the Negotiated Conditions that had been agreed in order to promote the licensing objectives including requirements for:

   a)   The provision of CCTV at the Premises;
   b)   The ban on open vessels being removed from the Premises save to a defined area;
   c)   Membership of Partnership Against Business Crime in Staffordshire;
   d)   Door staff to be provided where required by risk assessment;
   e)   Challenge 25 Scheme to be operational and staff fully trained;
   f)   The keeping of a refusals register.

(ii) The Committee also considered and took into account the relevant representations and were satisfied that the Negotiated Conditions will address the concerns raised.

(iii) The Committee found that the covenant did not prevent the grant of the premises licence as it was not a matter that had an impact on the promotion of the licensing objectives, particularly as the licensed area for the Premises does not include the area at the rear of the

Premises, and the applicants gave assurances they would not obstruct access for the neighbouring businesses.

(iv) The Committee considered the contents of the report, the representations made and the evidence from each party, and considered the statutory guidance and the Council's Statement of Licensing Policy.

(v) The Committee was satisfied that Negotiated Conditions were appropriate and that they promoted the licensing objectives for this application.

(vi) The Premises Licence was therefore granted as above.

CHAIR