

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE HELD AT NEUADD MALDWYN, WELSHPOOL ON 22 NOVEMBER, 2012

PRESENT: County Councillor P. Harris [Chair]
County Councillors P.J. Medicott and G.M. Jones

Officers

Nigel Williams, Senior Licensing Officer
Colin Edwards, Solicitor, Clerk to the Sub-Committee

1. APOLOGIES

There were no apologies for absence.

2. PROCEDURAL GUIDELINES

The Chair introduced the Sub-Committee and its Clerk.

The Clerk to the Sub-Committee on behalf of the Head of Legal, Scrutiny and Democratic Services explained the procedures to be followed by the Sub-committee.

3. APPLICATION FOR A PREMISES LICENCE – Wetherspoons, Broad Street, Newtown [formerly The Black Boy]

The Applicant:

The Applicant was represented by Mr Nigel Connor, Head of Legal, Wetherspoons
Mr Bill Stephenson, Area Manager Wetherspoons (North Wales)

Responsible Authorities:

There were no objections from the responsible authorities and no outstanding issues notified to the Licensing Authority

Interested parties:

Mr Ian Williams, proprietor of the Elephant & Castle Hotel
Ms Andrea Price, Manager, Elephant & Castle Hotel

The Licensing Officer presented the licensing authority's position as outlined in the report [copy filed with the signed minutes]. He advised that the Licensing section was happy with the consultation undertaken by the applicant.

The Applicant explained to the Licensing Sub-Committee the ethos of Wetherspoons, namely that there is significant emphasis placed on managing licensed premises and ensuring that they trade in a responsible fashion and that this is supported by extensive staff training.

The emphasis at the premises will be the sale of food. No music would be played at the premises.

The application had been extensively discussed with the interested parties prior to the commencement of the Sub-Committee. The Applicants submitted that the Sub-Committee should have no concerns which would engage any of the licensing objectives. The applicant had agreed to all the requirements of the Police.

All parties confirmed that they had been able to make their representations.

The Sub-Committee withdrew to consider, in private, the application and the evidence they had heard, with the support of the Clerk.

On their return the Clerk announced the Sub-Committee's decision. In reaching the decision members took into account the relevant written and verbal representations.

RESOLVED that the licence be granted as applied for.

The Clerk to the Sub-Committee advised the applicant and the local residents that he would confirm the decision in writing and reminded them of their right to appeal.

The Chair thanked all for attending.

County Councillor P. Harris
Chair