

## Minutes of Licensing Sub-Committee

Meeting Date: Wednesday, 19 April 2017, starting at 10am  
Present: Councillor J Alcock (Chairman)

Councillors:

G Geldard  
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In attendance: Solicitor – RVBC  
Mr Ian Wolfenden – Applicant’s Representative  
Councillor Richard Sherras }  
Martin Currell }  
Sylvia Hindle } Persons who had made  
Carole Currell } relevant representations  
Mrs Healey }  
Mr Healey }  
Tony Perry }

### APOLOGIES

There were no apologies for absence from the meeting.

### DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY AND NON-PECUNIARY INTEREST

There were no declarations of pecuniary and non-pecuniary interest.

### THE PAVILION, BACK LANE, RIMINGTON

Sub-Committee considered a report submitted by the Head of Legal and Democratic Services on the determination of an application required under Section 18 of the Licensing Act 2003. A copy of the licence application including an application to run The Pavilion as a management committee and therefore remove the requirement to specify a designed Premises Supervisor was included in the report. Details of the licensable activities applied for were also set out.

The Applicant’s Representative informed Committee that the current facility was primarily changing rooms and was inadequate. Following the closure of the only public house in the village the Rimington Recreation Association had decided to provide a multi-function space for community use. Consultations had taken place in the village and although the project was supported, he was aware of some issues. The Applicant had circulated a Management Plan for the Committee to consider.

Eight written representations had been received which were attached to the report for Committee’s information. Councillor Sherras attended and made verbal representations with regard to the need for such a facility in the village in order to keep it sustainable.

The persons who had made representations who were present at the Sub-Committee reported upon their concerns which included issues of highway safety, security of the building storing alcohol, the sale of alcohol close to a children's play area, the use of glasses outside the bar area and noise/behavioural issues from those using the facility.

The Applicant addressed those concerns and outlined that the Management Committee would be the responsible party and would endeavour to ensure that the facility did not cause any additional problems to the residents of Back Lane in particular.

The Licensing Sub-Committee gave careful consideration to the application and to the representations by all parties, both written and verbal. The Licensing Sub-Committee also considered the requirements of the Licensing Act 2003, the relevant regulations, the licensing objectives and the Council's Licensing Policy.

RESOLVED: That the Sub-Committee resolve to grant the application for a premise licence as applied for and to incorporate additional conditions upon the licence. The Sub-Committee decision is available at [https://www.ribblevalley.gov.uk/download/downloads/id/11022/the\\_pavilion\\_back\\_lane\\_rimington.pdf](https://www.ribblevalley.gov.uk/download/downloads/id/11022/the_pavilion_back_lane_rimington.pdf).....

#### EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

RESOLVED: That by virtue of the following reports being exempt information under Category 3 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, the press and public be now excluded from the meeting.

#### LICENSING HEARING – TAXIS

##### Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Driver's Licence

The Sub-Committee received a report of the Head of Legal and Democratic Services which included details of previous infringements and sanctions. The driver had accrued a total of 13 points under the Council's Infringement Scheme covering four violations.

The driver was given the opportunity to make representations to the Sub-Committee who considered all the circumstances and determined the sanctions against the licence holder. The Sub-Committee took into account the driver's verbal explanations.

RESOLVED: That the driver's Hackney carriage and Private Hire drivers licences be revoked.

##### Private Hire Driver's Licence

The Sub-Committee received a report of the Head of Legal and Democratic Services which included details of an infringement that had taken place during an undercover Police operation. The driver was given the opportunity to make representations to the Sub-Committee who considered all the circumstances and determined the sanctions against the licence holder. The Sub-Committee took

into account the driver's written and verbal explanations and his previous infringement history.

RESOLVED: That 12 infringement points should remain on the driver's licence.

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RESOLVED: That 12 infringement points should remain the driver's licence.

#### Private Hire Operator's Licence

The Sub-Committee received a report of the Head of Legal and Democratic Services regarding an application made for a private hire operator's licence. The Sub-Committee considered all the circumstances including a previous misdemeanour. The applicant was given the opportunity to make representations to the Sub-Committee who took into account the verbal explanations.

RESOLVED: That the Operator's licence be granted.

#### Private Hire Driver's Licence

The Sub-Committee received a report of the Head of Legal and Democratic Services which included details of an infringement that had taken place during an undercover Police operation. The Sub-Committee received an explanation why the driver could not be present at the hearing and considered the circumstances of the infringement.

RESOLVED: That 12 infringement points should remain on the driver's licence.

The meeting closed at 11.45am.

If you have any queries on these minutes please contact Diane Rice (414418).