Licensing Committee

Thursday, 31 March 2022

Present: Councillor S Phillips (Chair)

Councillors L Bartoli, S Brockbank, John Hunter, W Lott,

G Madden and T Mulvenna

L6/21 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors L Darke, C Davis, D Drummond, Janet Hunter, M Madden, J O'Shea and P Richardson.

L7/21 Appointment of Substitutes

There were no Substitute Members reported.

L8/21 Declarations of Interest and Dispensations

There were no declarations of interest or dispensations reported.

L9/21 Minutes

Resolved that the minutes of the meetings held on 1 April, 3 June and 7 October 2021 be confirmed and signed by the Chair.

L10/21 Minutes of Sub Committees

The Committee received copies of the minutes of the following Sub-committee hearings held since the last ordinary meeting:

5 May 2021 – The Tipsy Horse, Unit 20 Arrow Close, Killingworth

22 June 2021 - On the Corner Café, 45 Ilfracombe Gardens, Whitley Bay

27 July 2021 – St Edwards Centre, Roxburgh Terrace, Whitley Bay

17 August 2021 – Amaze Gourmet Spice, 6 Cauldwell Lane, Monkseaton

2 September 2021 – Somals, 21-23 Benton Lane, West Moor

9 November 2021 - Canny Leisure NE Limited, 75 Park View, Whitley Bay

16 November 2021 – Tynemouth 61, 61 Front Street, Tynemouth

21 January 2022 - Kork Wine and Deli, 74 Whitley Road, Whitley Bay

25 February 2022 – Ali Baba, 51/51A Nile Street, North Shields

Resolved that the minutes of the Licensing Sub-committee hearings, as listed above, be noted.

L11/21 Licensing Act 2003 and Gambling Act 2005 Applications. Licences granted between 01.03.2021 and 28.02.2022 under delegated authority

The Committee considered a report which set out the various applications under the Licensing Act 2003 and the Gambling Act 2005 which had been determined by officers, under delegated authority, between 1 March 2021 and 28 February 2022.

During this period the following had been processed:

- 118 New Personal Licences issued
- 31 Premises Licences transferred
- 109 variations to Designated Premises Supervisors
- 7 variations to Premises/Club Licenses
- 9 Minor variations
- 202 Temporary Event Notices issued
- 2 Gambling Permits

The department had also carried out 2347 compliance inspections and checked 85 Statutory Notices.

Resolved that the delegated decisions taken by officers between 1 March 2021 and 28 February 2022 be noted.

L12/21 Cumulative Impact Assessment - Park View and Fish Quay

The Committee was advised that additional information in relation to the Fish Quay had recently been received and it was suggested that in order for the information to be properly assessed consideration of this item be deferred to a future meeting.

Resolved that consideration of the report be deferred to a future meeting.

L13/21 Remote Licensing Hearings

Consideration was given to a report which invited the Committee to determine how it wished to conduct future meetings of the Committee and its Sub-committees.

The Committee at its meeting held on 3 June 2021 (minute L1/21 refers) agreed that, where appropriate, meetings would be held remotely until April 2022 and a report presented to this meeting for members to determine whether or not to continue with remote meetings.

The advantages and disadvantages of both face-to-face meetings and remote meetings were discussed along with the need for the Committee/Sub-committee to have the flexibility in those cases where it was appropriate.

Resolved that future meetings of the Committee and its Sub-committees be held as face-to-face meetings unless it is considered, in consultation with the Chair, that there are extenuating circumstances which warrant holding a specific meeting virtually.