

LICENSING PANEL

FRIDAY, 24 FEBRUARY 2012

PRESENT:- Councillors Andrew Bennett, Vera Tomlinson and Steve Wakefield

85. Appointment of Chair

Resolved – That Councillor Andrew Bennett be Chair this meeting of the Panel.

(Councillor Bennett took the Chair.)

86. Declarations of Interest

The Chair reminded Members of the need to declare any known interests in any matters to be considered at the meeting. No declarations were made.

87. Objection notice by the Police to a Temporary Event Notice - T.P.'s 16-17 Fleet Street, Swindon

The Panel considered (a) a report of the Council's Licensing Officer setting out an application, by Wiltshire Constabulary, objecting to a temporary event notice for T.P.'s, 16-17 Fleet Street, for an event covering the period 01:00 hours on Saturday 2nd July until 04:00 Sunday 3rd July 2011, (b) representations by Wiltshire Constabulary in support of the objection, (c) the facts set out in the Licensing Officer's report, (d) the Council's procedure for licensing hearings, (e) verbal representations by the management of T.P.'s giving evidence in support of the application, (f) questions and answers to officers, representative of Wiltshire Constabulary and the applicant, and (g) the Licensing Objectives.

Resolved – Having carefully considering all representations in support of the objection, evidence from Wiltshire Constabulary and submissions on behalf of T.P.'s the Panel determined that the Temporary Event Notice covering the period 2:00am until 3:00am on Saturday March 3rd 2012 be granted.

Reasons

1. The Panel determined that there was no evidence that the Licensing Objectives, and in particular the Crime and Disorder Licensing Objective, would be undermined through the grant of a one hour Temporary Event Notice.

2. The Panel heard evidence from the management of T.P.'s as to the measures to be put into place to ensure the maintenance of the Licensing Objectives.

3. The Panel heard evidence regarding the later closing times of other licensed premises in the vicinity.

4. The Panel heard no evidence to suggest that the management of T.P.'s were not capable of managing the premises in an appropriate manner during the proposed one hour extension.

The Chair reminded the police that they had the right of appeal to the Magistrates Court and that an application for any such appeal should be made within 21 days of this determination and no later than five days before the scheduled event.