

LICENSING PANEL

THURSDAY, 14 JUNE 2012

PRESENT:- Councillors John Ballman, Andrew Bennett and Alan Bishop.

1. Appointment of Chair

Resolved – That Councillor Andrew Bennett Chair this meeting of the Panel.
(Councillor Bennett took the Chair.)

2. Minutes

Resolved – That the minutes of the meeting held on 24th February 2012 be confirmed and signed.

3. 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.

4. Exempt Items - Exclusion of Press and Public

Resolved - That, in accordance with Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public be excluded during the discussion of the matters referred in Agenda Item 6 on the grounds that it would involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 1 of Schedule 12A to the Act, and that the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information concerned (Minute 5 refers.)

5. Personal Licence Application

The Panel considered (a) a report of the Council's Licensing officer setting out objections from Wiltshire Police to a Personal Licence Application, (b) evidence from Wiltshire Police in relation to their objection to the grant of a personal licence to the person named in the report, (c) representations from the applicant and her manager for a personal licence, (d) questions to and answers from the Police and the applicant, (e) the Council's procedure for personal licence applications, and (d) Government Guidance and the Council's Licensing Policy.

Resolved - That, based upon the evidence before the Panel, as set out in the Licensing Officer's report, oral representations from Wiltshire police and the applicant and her manager, the Panel found no compelling reason not to grant the application of a personal licence to the individual named in the report and the application for a personal licence therefore be granted.

Reasons for Decision

1. The Panel heard evidence of a single offence by the applicant including a relevant offence as defined by Schedule 4 to the Licensing Act 2003.
2. The Panel heard evidence from the applicant regarding the offence and actions

taken since to ensure that there would be no repeat of the offence.

3. The Panel took into account the sentence of the Magistrates Court in respect of the conviction.

4. The Panel in weighing the evidence before it took into account the reference made at the hearing from her current manager as to her character and work ethic.

5. The Panel determine that the grant of a Personal Licence in this instant would not, in their view, undermine the Licensing Objectives.