

Minutes

Meeting of : Western Area Licensing Sub-Committee
Meeting held in : The Alamein Suite, The City Hall, Salisbury
Date : Wednesday 24 October 2007
Commencing at : 10.00am

Present:

District Councillors:

Councillors Mrs M Tomlinson, J Holt, C Mills

Officers:

Mr T Bray (Democratic Services)
Mr J Chamberlain (Democratic Services)
Mr R Hodgkinson (Legal & Property Services)

6. Election of Chairman:

Resolved – that Councillor Mills elected Chairman for the duration of the meeting.

7. Minutes of Previous meeting:

Resolved – that the minutes of the last ordinary meeting held on 4th July 2007 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

8. Explanation of Procedure:

The Chairman explained the procedure for the hearing for all present.

9. Declarations of Interest:

There were none

10. The Bennett Arms, Tisbury:

Resolved – that having taken into consideration the representations made in writing and at the hearing, and the licensing objectives stated in the Licensing Act 2003, with the guidance issued under section 182 (as of 28th June 2007), along with the Council's Statement of Licensing Policy, the Sub-committee resolved to:

Grant the application for the following reasons:



INVESTOR IN PEOPLE

CUSTOMER SERVICE EXCELLENCE

Awarded in:
Housing Services
Waste and Recycling Services



Reasons:

The reasons for this decision are:

The Sub-Committee has heard evidence from the applicant's representative, Mr Alan Banes that the purpose of the extended opening hours was to provide flexibility for customers who arrive later in the evening. Although the application was for the extension of the sale of alcohol, this would not necessarily mean that the applicant would take advantage of this provision in the absence of demand. Mr Banes stated that it was intended for the premises to remain a traditional public house and that late night entertainment would not be a regular occurrence. In addition, there had been no representations received from responsible authorities. Mr Banes stated that regular checks would continue to be made in the vicinity of the premises with regard to noise and nuisance, and that music would continue to be turned down after 2300h. Mr Banes also stated that there had not been any representations from the police or environmental health in the five years that they had operated the business. Members stated that they were satisfied that all licensing objectives will be met and consider the applicant is responsible and vigilant. Members had regard to the letters of complaint but considered that they were of a general nature and did not apply specifically to this premises.

During the consideration of this matter, the Sub-Committee had regard to:

The application and the letters of objection and support as attached to the agenda.

Representations made by Mrs Quennell and Mr Banes at the hearing.

All parties have the right to appeal to the magistrate's court should they be dissatisfied with the decision.

*The meeting closed at 10:50 am
Members of the public: 2*