

BRIGHTON & HOVE CITY COUNCIL

LICENSING PANEL 2003 (Licensing Act 2003 Functions)

2.00PM – 30 MARCH 2006

COUNCIL CHAMBER BRIGHTON TOWN HALL

MINUTES

Present: Councillors Lepper (Chair), Cobb and Pidgeon.

Also in attendance: Tim Nichols, Head of Environmental Health and Licensing, Rebecca Sidell, Panel Solicitor and Caroline De Marco, Committee Administrator.

PART ONE

364. ELECTION OF CHAIR

364.1 **RESOLVED** – That Councillor Lepper be elected Chair for this meeting.

365. PROCEDURAL BUSINESS

365A Declarations of Substitutes

365.1 There were no substitute councillors.

365B Declarations of Interest

365.2 There were none.

365B Exclusion of Press and Public

365.3 The Committee considered whether the press and public should be excluded from the meeting during the consideration of any items contained in the agenda, having regard to the nature of the business to be transacted and the nature of the proceedings and the likelihood as to whether, if members of the press and public were present, there would be disclosure to them of confidential or exempt information as defined in Section 100A(3) or 100 1 of the Local Government Act 1972.

365.4 **RESOLVED** - That the press and public not be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following item.

366. APPLICATION FOR A PREMISES LICENCE UNDER THE LICENSING ACT 2003 - ROUND GEORGES, 14-15 SUTHERLAND ROAD, BRIGHTON

366.1 The Committee considered the report of the Assistant Director, Public Safety, regarding an application for a variation to a premises licence under the Licensing Act 2003 for Round Georges, 14-15 Sutherland Road, Brighton (for copy see minute book).

366.2 Mr Grant, Area Manager for Punch Taverns and the licensee of Round Georges attended the Panel. It was agreed by all parties to accept a late submission from Councillor Pennington.

366.3 The Licensing Manager summarised the application as set out in the report. The application was to vary the layout and design of the interior of the premises, to include the creation of a bar servery in the basement area. Two local residents had made representations. There were no representations from the Police or Environmental Services. The premises had been recently refurbished and a stair handrail had been fitted to the satisfaction of the environmental health officer. Ventilation equipment had been effectively and properly installed. A floor plan was submitted with the application, and was shown to Members of the Panel.

366.4 A number of conditions on the existing licence were already in place. Conditions controlled the noise both inside and outside the premises and people leaving the premises.

366.5 Mr Grant confirmed that two handrails had been fitted on the stairway and that there was a compressor in the back yard.

366.6 Mr Grant stressed that the application was not for a change in hours. It was purely to accommodate a floor layout change. Mr Grant confirmed that there were no seats in the back courtyard. There was already permission to use the front outside area until 11.00 p.m. The rear courtyard was not part of the application and was not licensed. The small basement bar would accommodate up to two members of staff. The air extraction and cooling equipment was sound proofed and in its own unit. A time switch turned the equipment off at 11.30 p.m. There were no plans for live entertainment.

366.7 **RESOLVED** – That the application for a variation to the premises licence be granted.

Reasons for granting licence: The Licensing Panel is satisfied that the licensing objectives are being met. The Panel notes that the outside area does not form part of the application and is not a licensed area. The Panel is satisfied with the floor plan and considers it will be safer to have a bar servery in the basement area, as this will prevent people from carrying glasses up and down the stairs.

The Panel solicitor mentioned that the objectors had appeal rights to the Magistrates Court under the Licensing Act and that appeals must be made within 21 days of notification of the decision given at the hearing.

The meeting concluded at 2.45 p.m.

Signed

Chair

Dated this

day of

2006