

MINUTES

LICENSING OF ALCOHOL AND GAMBLING SUB-COMMITTEE

17 DECEMBER 2015

Present:

Members:

Councillors: Barnes
Mrs Bassadone
(Chairman)
Conway

Officers: S Taylor
H Holden
T Coston

Also Attendance:

Mrs Cretu – Applicants Representative
The meeting began at 2.06 pm

5 **MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting held on 17 November 2015 were confirmed by the members present and then signed by the Chairman.

6 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

There were no apologies for absence.

7 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interests.

8 **PREMISES LICENCE APPLICATION**

The Sub-Committee were required to consider a licence application for the following premises:

Euro Supermarket
Unit 4
160 Marlowes
Hemel Hempstead
Hertfordshire
HP1 1BH

The Chairman asked the members of the Sub-Committee to confirm that they had read the agenda. Councillors Barnes and Conway confirmed they had read the documents at hand.

The Chairman asked the members of the Sub-Committee if they had visited the premises. Councillors Barnes and Conway said they knew of the premises but had not been inside.

The Chairman asked the officers if they had anything to add to the report.

S Taylor explained that the Sub-Committee had before them an application for the grant of a new premises licence for Euro Supermarket Hemel Ltd, Unit 4, 160 Marlowes, Hemel Hempstead, and the application was set out on page 12 of the agenda. She advised that the applicant and the person who had made a representation had both been invited to attend and address the meeting but no response had been received from the objector. The options available to the Sub-Committee were set out at paragraph 4.1 of the agenda. She reminded the Sub-Committee that any steps taken were to be considered appropriate in order to promote one or more of the licensing objectives, and clear reasons should be given to explain why any decision was reached.

The Chairman asked if the licence were to be granted but the applicant were to not then occupy the premises, would the applicant be able to retain the licence for another premise. S Taylor replied that a premises licence is not portable, and would be valid for this premises only.

The Chairman asked the officers if the surrounding premises had similar opening hours. S Taylor advised there were a few premises in the vicinity that remained open until 2am.

Mrs Cretu said they would happily consider any additions or adjustments to the licence conditions.

The Chairman said she visited the shop yesterday and it didn't look like any work had been carried out. She asked when they were planning to start work there. Mrs Cretu explained that it was subject to the licence being granted and if it were to be granted they would open in approximately one month.

Mrs Cretu and the officers withdrew from the meeting whilst the Sub-Committee considered the application.

Resolved:

The Sub-Committee took into account that the proposed premise was located in a town centre, in close proximity to a variety of other types of licensed premises, with comparable types of premises offering similar opening hours.

The Sub-Committee did not feel that the proposed activities would present an undue detrimental effect to the promotion of the Licensing Objectives, and therefore felt it would be appropriate to grant the application as applied for.

The Meeting ended at 2.23 pm