

CHESHIRE EAST COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the **Licensing Act Sub-Committee**
held on Thursday, 25th October, 2018 at Committee Suite 1,2 & 3, Westfields,
Middlewich Road, Sandbach CW11 1HZ

PRESENT

Councillors Rhoda Bailey, S Davies and J Wray

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE

Kim Evans, Licensing Team Manager
Jennifer Knight, Senior Licensing Officer
Aoife Ryan, Solicitor
Paul Mountford, Executive Democratic Services Officer

16 APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN

RESOLVED

That Councillor S Davies be appointed Chairman for the meeting.

Councillor S Davies in the chair

17 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

18 APPLICATION FOR THE REVIEW OF A PREMISES LICENCE: KNUTSFORD MASONIC CLUB, LEICESTER WARREN HALL, BEXTON LANE, KNUTSFORD WA16 9BQ

The Sub-Committee considered a report regarding an application for the review of a Premises Licence in respect of Knutsford Masonic Club, Leicester Warren Hall, Bexton Lane, Knutsford, WA16 9BQ.

The following attended the hearing and made representations with respect to the application:

- two applicants
- two representatives of the applicants
- three representatives of Knutsford Masonic Club

Representatives for the Masonic Club referred to procedural irregularities in serving notice of the application which they said invalidated the process and that in the circumstances the hearing should not proceed and the application process should re-start. In considering the matter, following representations from both sides, the Sub-Committee noted that the Council had made an appropriate compensatory extension to the period within which representations could be made. The Sub-Committee also noted that it had not been demonstrated that any of the parties involved had been substantially prejudiced as a result of the

irregularities. On this basis, the Sub-Committee concluded that the hearing should proceed.

Representatives for the Masonic Club had circulated additional documents the day before the hearing. Copies had been provided to members of the Sub-Committee. Representatives of the applicants presented additional documents at the meeting which, with the agreement of the Club's representatives, were circulated at the meeting.

The Council reported that it had received two additional objections to the licence, details of which were circulated.

The applicants and their representatives presented their case following which they were questioned by the other side and by the Sub-Committee. The applicants then made a summary statement of their case.

At the conclusion of this stage of the hearing, in view of the lateness of the hour, the Chairman proposed that the meeting adjourn and reconvene at a date to be determined following consultation with all parties.

RESOLVED

That the meeting be adjourned and reconvened at a date to be determined following consultation with all parties.

The meeting commenced at 10.45 am and concluded at 5.20 pm

Councillor S Davies (Chairman)