



East Cambridgeshire District Council

Minutes of a Meeting of the Licensing (Statutory) Sub Committee

Held at The Grange, Nutholt Lane, Ely, CB7 4EE at 3:15pm on
Monday 20 November 2023

Present:

Cllr Charlotte Cane

Cllr Martin Goodearl (substitute for Cllr Lavinia Edwards)

Cllr Keith Horgan

Officers:

Stewart Broome – Senior Licensing Officer

Maggie Camp – Director Legal Services

Angela Tyrrell – Senior Legal Assistant

Hannah Walker – Trainee Democratic Services Officer

Jane Webb – Senior Democratic Services Officer

In attendance:

Mr Giles - Barrister (Representing Fordham Service Station & Licence Holder)

Mr Vijithran – Designated Services Supervisor - Fordham Service Station

Karen Wright – ICT Manager

1. Apologies and substitutions

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Lavinia Edwards, and Cllr Goodearl was attending as a substitute.

2. Declarations of interest

No declarations of interest were made.

3. Application for the review of a premises – Licensing Act 2003 Premises: Londis, 31 Carter Street, Fordham, Ely, Cambs.

The Senior Licensing Officer briefly introduced the report to determine an application for the review of a premises licence held by ARUM Capital Limited in respect to Londis, 31 Carter Street, Fordham, Ely, CB7 5NG and updated Members explaining that all parties had been given advance notice of the hearing date. An email had been received this afternoon from the Home Office (the applicant), stating their representative had been taken ill and there

had been no other officer available to attend; they apologised and requested that Members reschedule the hearing.

The Senior Licensing Officer explained that under the Hearing Regulations 2003, it was at the discretion of the Panel to decide to reschedule the hearing or to continue in the applicant's absence.

The Chairman commented that the Panel were disappointed to hear the Home Office (the applicant) was unrepresented as the Panel would have like the opportunity to investigate the evidence from both parties. The Chairman therefore decided to adjourn the Licensing (Statutory) Sub Committee meeting to Friday 24th November at 10am in the Council Chamber.

The Chairman invited Mr Giles, Barrister, for any further comments. Mr Giles shared the disappointment that the Home Office (the applicant) had not attended the meeting. He explained that when the Home Office had initiated the review his client was also facing the possibility of a civil penalty, however, the facts had now significantly changed and the Home Office had since decided that no action would now be taken.

The meeting concluded at 3:26pm.

Chairman.....

Date.....