

# EAST STAFFORDSHIRE BOROUGH COUNCIL

## LICENSING ACT SUB-COMMITTEE

Minutes of the Meeting of the Licensing Act Sub-Committee held in the Meeting Room at the Brewhouse Arts Centre, Burton upon Trent on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February 2018.

### **Present:**

Councillors B G Peters (Chairman), D F Fletcher and L Milner.

### **Officers Present:**

Mrs A Wakefield (Solicitor) and Mrs H Farman-McKenna (Licensing Officer).

### 87/18 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest at the commencement of the meeting.

### 88/18 **APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN**

#### **Resolved:**

That Councillor B G Peters be appointed Chairman for this meeting.

### 89/18 **URGENT BUSINESS**

There was no urgent business brought forward to the Licensing Act Sub-Committee pursuant to Rule 12.

### 90/16 **APPLICATION FOR A TEMPORARY EVENT NOTICE – THE LOCOMOTIVE SPORTS BAR, 28 STATION STREET, BURTON UPON TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE DE14 1AU – 24<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2018 - 0200 HOURS TO 0400 HOURS**

(CE) The report of Chief Executive, regarding an objection to a temporary event notice was considered.

Mrs Parmjit Kaur, the applicant, attended the sub-committee meeting and was accompanied by Mr Duncan Craig (Barrister).

Police Constable David Evans and Ms Nicky Bills - Police Licensing Officer (Staffordshire Police) attended the sub-committee meeting.

The sub-committee heard oral evidence from the following witnesses:

Ms Nicky Bills (Staffordshire Police)

PC David Evans (Staffordshire Police)

Mr Duncan Craig (Barrister)

Mrs Parmjit Kaur (Applicant)

Mrs Helen Farman-McKenna (Licensing Officer)

**Resolved:**

The Chairman stated that the purpose of the hearing had been to consider Staffordshire Police's objections to a Temporary Event Notice given by Mrs Pam Kaur in respect of an event to be held at the Locomotive Sports Bar from 2.00am until 4.00am on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> February 2018.

The Chairman began with the general comment that he and the other members of the sub-committee were long standing members of the Council and of the Licensing Committee, but none of them could recall witnessing such a lack of preparation on the part of one of the parties to the proceedings. The sub-committee had found it startling that Staffordshire Police did not particularise their objections at the outset, choosing instead to adopt a broad brush approach, whereby they alluded in the most general terms to concerns that allowing the event to proceed would undermine three of the Licensing Objectives (namely crime and disorder; public safety; and public nuisance).

In the lack of any submissions on the point and in the absence of any supporting evidence, the sub-committee had been provided with nothing to persuade them that allowing the proposed event to go ahead would undermine any of those licensing objectives and for that reason the sub-committee did not issue a counter notice.

**Chairman**