

Licensing Sub Committee

Friday 24 June 2016

PRESENT:

Councillor Dr Mahony, in the Chair.
Councillor Morris, Vice Chair.
Councillors Churchill and Drean (Fourth Member).

Also in attendance: Catherine Fox (Lawyer), David McIndoe (Police Representative), Fred Prout (Senior Licensing Officer), Duane Seymour (Police Representative) and Helen Wright (Democratic Support Officer).

The meeting started at 2.00 pm and finished at 3.45 pm.

Note: At a future meeting, the committee will consider the accuracy of these draft minutes, so they may be subject to change. Please check the minutes of that meeting to confirm whether these minutes have been amended.

1. **Appointment of Chair and Vice Chair**

Agreed that Councillor Dr Mahony is appointed as Chair and Councillor Morris is appointed as Vice Chair for this particular meeting.

2. **Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest made by Members in accordance with the code of conduct.

3. **Chair's Urgent Business**

There were no items of Chair's urgent business.

4. **Exempt Business**

Agreed that under Regulation 14(2) of the Licensing Act 2003 (Hearing) Regulations 2005 it was in the public interest to exclude the press and public as to hear the matter in public risked prejudicing any ongoing investigations and any court proceedings.

5. **Expedited Premises Licence Review - Beresford Arms, 9 Cumberland Street, Devonport, Plymouth PL1 4DX**

The legal representative confirmed that the information from the police had been received on Wednesday 22 June 2016 at 1451 hours which was in accordance with the restricted time limit to hear an expedited matter.

In light of the fact that several of the existing conditions on the premises licence were not being complied with and the failure of the Premises Licence Holder to engage with the police and other relevant agencies to resolve the issues, the Members had no confidence that any modifications of the existing licence conditions would address the problems or that the premises licence holder would comply with them including any suspension of her license to sell alcohol. The Premises Licence Holder was the DPS.

Members considered there was a real and significant likelihood of imminent further violent incidents. Therefore they consider that in light of the problems outlined by the police, it was proportionate to suspend the premises licence with immediate effect, until the review set for 19 July 2016, in order to promote the crime prevention objective and prevent serious crime occurring on or linked to the premises.

(Please note: there is a confidential minute relating to this item).