

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF
LICENSING COMMITTEE
HELD AT NELSON TOWN HALL
ON 16TH MAY 2017**

PRESENT

*The Worship the Mayor (Councillor R. E. Carroll)
Councillor S. Wicks - (Chairman, in the Chair)*

Councillors

G. Adam
Mrs K. Shore
J. Starkie

K. Turner
G. Waugh

Also in attendance

W. Blackburn

Officers in attendance

D. Talbot	Solicitor, Burnley Borough Council
M. Armfield	Licensing Enforcement Officer
A. Smith	Licensing Administration Officer
J. Eccles	Committee Administrator

(Apologies were received from Councillors M. Adams, E. Ansar, L. M. Crossley and C. Teall.)



11. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Members were reminded of the requirements of the Member Code of Conduct concerning the declaration of interests.

12. MINUTES

RESOLVED

That the minutes of the meeting held on 15th November 2016 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

**13. APPLICATION FOR A PREMISES LICENCE – PREMIER
NEWS CONVENIENCE STORE, 113 HALIFAX ROAD, NELSON**

The Planning, Building Control and Licensing Services Manager submitted a report which asked member to consider an application for a Premises Licence, following receipt of representations from local residents.

It was reported that it was a valid application and it had been established that all notices had been properly served, displayed and advertised. The applicant had indicated a number of steps to promote the licensing objectives. Following consultation with the Police, the applicant had agreed to the inclusion of additional conditions. He had also voluntarily agreed to reduce the premises opening hours from 8.00a.m to 10.00p.m.

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Three valid representations had been received from persons residing in the vicinity of the premises. The Members and all relevant parties had received a copy of the report which included a copy of the application and the representations received.

The applicant attended the hearing and was represented by Mr J. Yousef. One objector attended the hearing and made representations.

RESOLVED

That having listened to the representations made the Premises Licence be granted.

REASON

In compliance with the licensing objectives.

14. RESULTS OF ALCOHOL TEST PURCHASE OPERATIONS

The Planning, Building Control and Licensing Services Manager submitted a report to inform members of the results of a recent alcohol test purchase operation carried out on 12th April 2017 by Lancashire Constabulary and assisted by the Council's Licensing Enforcement Officer. Seventeen premises were visited in Nelson, Brierfield and Colne during the day-time, which resulted in the following five premises selling alcohol to the fourteen years old female test purchaser -

Spend N' Save	112 Higher Reedley Road, Brierfield
Beer Hut	193 Barkerhouse Road, Nelson
Premier Hill Place	12 Hill Place, Nelson
K & A Food & Booze	158 Skipton Road, Colne
Knotts Lane Shop	Unit 1, Cotton Works Mill, Knotts Lane, Colne

None of the sellers of the alcohol were either premises or personal licence holders. However, it was clear from the sales that took place that very little or no training had been given to the sellers by the Premises Licence holder or the Designated Premises Supervisors (DPS). All of the Premises Licence holders and DPSs had been invited to the meeting.

Members interviewed individually, representatives from each of the five premises that failed the test purchase operation which resulted in the sale of alcohol to the female.

The premises representatives were reminded of their responsibilities to promote and comply with the protection of children from harm licensing objective. They were advised of the importance of training; that they and all of their staff should be made fully aware of the procedures that must be followed to prevent under age sales ie mandatory conditions attached to the Premises Licence and the Challenge 25 scheme; and for this to be revisited regularly to make sure that further sales to children under the age of eighteen did not occur. They were also reminded that their Premises Licence could be reviewed if further test purchase failures occurred, which could result in them losing their licence.

REASON

- 1. To prevent children from purchasing alcohol.***
- 2. To comply with the protection of children from harm licensing objective.***

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- 3. *To ensure that children do not become involved in, or become victims of crime/anti-social behaviour.***
- 4. *To make sure that children's health is not endangered by the effects of excessive alcohol consumption.***

Chairman: _____