

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE LICENSING COMMITTEE
HELD ON 14TH NOVEMBER, 2022
AT NELSON TOWN HALL**

PRESENT –

Councillor J. Purcell (Chairman – in the Chair)

Councillors:

*F. Ahmad
M. Kaleem*

Officers in attendance:

*M. Ali Licensing Administration Officer
E. Barker Litigation and Regulatory Lawyer
L. Rowland Committee Administrator*

Observers:

S. Walne Legal Assistant

(Apologies for absence were received from Councillors S. Ahmed, M. Aslam, M. Hanif, D. Lord, K. McGladdery and P. McGladdery.)



11. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Members were reminded of the legal requirements concerning the declaration of interests.

12. MINUTES

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 4th October, 2022 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

**13. THE LICENSING ACT 2003 – REVIEW OF A PREMISES LICENCE
HEADLINE NEWS, 71-73 NORTH VALLEY ROAD, COLNE, BB8 9AQ**

The Planning, Economic Development and Regulatory Services Manager submitted a report for Members to consider an application made by Pendle Borough Council (Licensing) to review a Premises Licence for Headline News, 71-73 North Valley Road, Colne under the Licensing Act 2003.

Representations had been made by Lancashire Constabulary under the ‘Prevention of Crime and Disorder’ and ‘Protection of Children from Harm’ licensing objectives and from Lancashire County Council (LCC) Trading Standards under the ‘Protection of Children from Harm’ licensing objective.

The Members and all relevant parties had received a copy of the report which included a copy of the application and the representations received.

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The applicant, Wajed Iqbal of Pendle Borough Council (Licensing) attended the meeting. The hearing was also attended by Mr Shahzad Azam, the Premises Licence holder, accompanied by his wife Maymoona Arshad and his solicitor, David Lawson.

Also in attendance were Lauren Manning (LCC Trading Standards) who had made representations and PC Michael Jones who attended on behalf of Sgt Gary Hennighan who had also made representations.

RESOLVED

- (1) That, having listened to the representations made with regard to the application to review the Premises Licence in respect of Headline News, 71-73 North Valley Road, Colne it be agreed that no action be taken in terms of modifying the conditions of the licence; excluding a licensable activity from the scope of the licence; removing the Designated Premises Supervisor; suspending the licence for a period; or revoking the licence.
- (2) That the Premises Licence Holder be instructed to provide evidence of staff training undertaken and training on the CCTV system within 3 months of the date of this meeting.
- (3) That the Premises Licence Holder be reminded that all conditions of the licence must be complied with and, should this not be the case, a further review application was to be expected.

REASON

The Committee felt that there was insufficient evidence to prove that the four licensing objectives were not being met. However, it had been demonstrated and acknowledged that improved staff training was necessary and that there had been a lapse in compliance with some of the conditions of the licence. In complying with the conditions going forward, all four licensing objectives would be met.

CHAIRMAN _____