

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE LICENSING COMMITTEE
HELD ON 28TH JANUARY 2025
AT NELSON TOWN HALL**

PRESENT –

Councillor Y. Tennant (Chair)

Councillors:

*S. Ahmed
D. Gallear
M. Hanif
D. Lord
K. Salter
M. Stone*

Officers in attendance:

<i>R. Lonsdale</i>	<i>Licensing Administration Officer</i>
<i>E. Barker</i>	<i>Legal Services Manager</i>
<i>L. Rowland</i>	<i>Committee Administrator</i>

(Apologies for absence were received from Councillor D. Hartley.)

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5. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

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

6. MINUTES

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 29th August 2024 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

**7. THE LICENSING ACT 2003 –
NEW APPLICATION FOR A PREMISES LICENCE -
REEDYFORD OFF LICENCE, 117 REGENT STREET, NELSON, BB9 8LJ**

The Assistant Director, Planning, Building Control and Regulatory Services submitted a report for Members to consider an application for a Premises Licence made by Arfan Zafar for the premises at Reedyford Off Licence, 117 Regent Street, Nelson, BB9 8LJ.

Representations had been made by Pendle Borough Council (Licensing) under the 'Prevention of Crime and Disorder', 'Public Safety', 'Prevention of Public Nuisance' and 'Protection of Children from Harm' licensing objectives.

The Members and all relevant parties had received a copy of the report which included a copy of the application and the representations received. Additional evidence from both Pendle Borough Council (Licensing) and the applicant had been circulated prior to the meeting and was submitted for consideration.

The applicant, Mr Arfan Zafar, attended the meeting accompanied by his barrister Duncan Craig and Gill Sherratt (Licensing Matters Ltd). The hearing was also attended by Neil Watson, representing Pendle Borough Council (Licensing), who had made representations.

RESOLVED

That, having listened to and considered the representations made with regard to the new premises licence application under the Licensing Act 2003 in respect of Reedyford Off Licence, 117 Regent Street, Nelson, the application for a premises licence be granted subject to the conditions in the Operating Schedule.

REASON

Having carefully considered all the evidence presented at the hearing, the Committee determined that the applicant did promote the four licensing objectives 'Prevention of Crime and Disorder', 'Public Safety', 'Prevention of Public Nuisance' and 'Protection of Children from Harm'.

The review hearing referred to was in 2018, being seven years ago. There was no compelling evidence that Arfan Zafar was involved in the running of the business and there had been no complaints or recorded issues since 2019.

CHAIR _____