

EAST STAFFORDSHIRE BOROUGH COUNCIL

LICENSING ACT SUB-COMMITTEE

Minutes of the Meeting of the Licensing Act Sub-Committee held in the Coltman VC Room, Town Hall, Burton upon Trent on Wednesday 27th March 2019.

Present:

Councillors B G Peters (Chairman), Ms A Legg and C Wileman.

Officers Present:

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

136/19 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

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

137/19 **APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN**

Resolved:

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

138/19 **URGENT BUSINESS**

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

139/19 **A CURRENT APPLICATION FOR A PERSONAL LICENCE – MR SHAUN PETER DOYLE, THE NAVIGATION, 120 HORNINGLOW ROAD, BURTON UPON TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE DE14 2PT**

(HoS) The report of Mark Rizk (Head of Service), regarding a current application for a personal licence was considered.

Mr Shaun Doyle (Personal Licence Holder) attended the sub-committee meeting and was accompanied by his friend, Mr Jason Cooke.

Sergeant Jim Finn and Miss Nicola Bills - Licensing Officer (Staffordshire Police) attended the sub-committee meeting.

The sub-committee heard oral evidence from the following:

Mrs Helen Farman-McKenna (Licensing Officer)

Mr Shaun Doyle (Staffordshire Police)

Sergeant Jim Finn (Staffordshire Police)

Resolved:

The Chairman informed the sub-committee that the meeting had been convened in order that they could consider the personal licence of Mr Shaun Doyle. Specifically whether Mr Doyle should continue to hold a personal licence given that he had received two relevant convictions in quick succession.

The sub-committee had taken into account all of the documents included in the agenda pack and they had heard from Mr Doyle, as well as from Sergeant Finn of Staffordshire Police. The sub-committee had also noted that the Licensing Authority first became aware of Mr Doyle's conviction as a result of those being reported in the press.

The sub-committee were concerned that Mr Doyle had shown himself to have a tendency to act aggressively and violently. As Mr Doyle himself had pointed out, he had held a licence for 17 years and the sub-committee would therefore have expected him to have known what behaviour was expected of someone in his position. The sub-committee had focussed specifically on their statutory to uphold the licensing objectives. In view of the facts of this matter, the sub-committee had concentrated in particular on the objectives aimed at promoting public safety and preventing crime and disorder.

The sub-committee had severe doubts over Mr Doyle's ability to control his behaviour appropriately, and for that reason the sub-committee decided to revoke Mr Doyle's personal licence.

Chairman