

At a meeting of the LICENSING COMMITTEE held in the CIVIC CENTRE on MONDAY, 6th FEBRUARY, 2017 at 2.00 p.m.

Present:-

Councillor Fletcher in the Chair

Councillors Blackburn, Elliott, I. Galbraith, P. Gibson, Kay, Lawson, O'Brien, Turner and Waller

Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were submitted to the meeting on behalf of Councillors D. Dixon, Heron, Howe and Scaplehorn

Minutes of the Last Meeting of the Committee held on 28th November, 2016

1. RESOLVED that the minutes of the last meeting of the Committee held on 28th November, 2016 be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

Licensing Act 2003 – Suspension of a Premises Licence Due to Non-Payment of Annual Fee – Indigo Room Ltd

The Chief Executive submitted a report (copy circulated) which requested Members consideration of the suspension of the premises licence for Indigo Room Ltd, situated at 278 High Street West, Sunderland due to the non-payment of the annual fee which had been due on 5th December 2016.

(For copy report – see original minutes)

Mr Reading, Trading Standards and Licensing Manager, presented the report and advised that Officers were not able to suspend the licence and that if Members did not suspend the licence then the premises would remain licensed. Enquiries had been carried out and the premises were currently closed and the leaseholder, Indigo Rooms Ltd, had vacated the property on 24th March 2016.

Members discussed the matter and Councillor P. Gibson moved that the licence be suspended. With all Members being in agreement it was:-

2. RESOLVED that the premises licence for Indigo Room Ltd located at 278 High Street West be suspended.

Licensing Act 2003 – Withdrawal of Club Premises Certificate Due to Club Ceasing to be a Qualifying Club – Fence Houses Comrades Club

The Chief Executive submitted a report (copy circulated) which requested the Committees consideration of whether the Fence Houses Comrades Club continued to satisfy the conditions for being a qualifying club in relation to a qualifying club activity to which the certificate related.

(For copy report – see original minutes)

Mr Reading presented the report and advised that the invoice requesting the payment of the annual fee had been returned unpaid and that when a licensing officer had attended the premises it had appeared that the club was not in operation as the club was in the process of being demolished; as such it appeared that the club no longer satisfied the condition that it was established and operated in good faith as a club.

Members discussed the matter and Councillor P. Gibson moved that the club premises certificate be withdrawn; with all Members being in agreement it was:-

3. RESOLVED that the club premises certificate for Fence Houses Comrades Club be withdrawn.

(Signed) J. FLETCHER,
Chairman.