

LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE 1

Tuesday, 14th November, 2006 at 10.00am
in the Council Chamber, The Council House, Dudley

PRESENT:-

Councillor Ryder (Chairman)
Councillors Blood and Rogers

Officers

Principal Lawyer (Legal Advisor) and Mrs K Farrington (Directorate of Law and Property)

7 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence from the meeting were submitted on behalf of Councillors Mrs Ameson and Tomkinson.

8 APPOINTMENT OF SUBSTITUTE MEMBERS

It was noted that Councillors Blood and Rogers had been appointed as substitute members for Councillors Mrs Ameson and Tomkinson for this meeting of the Sub-Committee only.

9 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No member declared an interest in accordance with the Members' Code of Conduct in respect of any matter to be considered at this meeting.

10 MINUTES

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Sub-Committee held on 1st August, 2006 be approved as a correct record and signed.

11 APPLICATION FOR CONSENT TO ENGAGE IN STREET TRADING, MR JONAS ROBERTS

A report of the Director of Law and Property was submitted on an application made by Mr Jonas Roberts, for the grant of a street trader's permit to operate at King Street/Oakeywell Street, Dudley from Monday to Saturday between the hours of 9.00am to 5.30pm.

Mr Roberts was in attendance at the meeting. Also in attendance as an objector to the application was Mr G Whitehouse, Regeneration Manager, on behalf of the Town Centre Management Team.

Following introductions, the Chairman outlined the procedure to be followed.

Mrs J Elliott, Licensing Officer, Directorate of Law and Property, presented the report on behalf of the Council.

Mr Whitehouse then commented on points contained in Appendix 2 to the report submitted. He stated that the town centre was now saturated with street traders and that the granting of any further permits would be detrimental to the town.

Mr Roberts then presented his case, and in doing so he emphasised that his application was for a street trading permit to operate at King Street/Oakeywell Street and not in the town centre. He further stated that there was a market to sell hot and cold refreshments in that area, as the previous permit holder had successfully operated in that location for the past twenty years. He then responded to questions asked by the Sub-Committee.

RESOLVED

That the application made by Mr Jonas Roberts, for the grant of a street trader's permit to operate at King Street/Oakeywell Street, Dudley from Monday to Saturday between the hours of 9.00am to 5.30pm, be approved for a period of twelve months.

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APPLICATION FOR CONSENT TO ENGAGE IN STREET TRADING, MR DAVID GEORGE MORRISON

A report of the Director of Law and Property was submitted on an application made on behalf of Mr David George Morrison, for the renewal of his consent to engage in street trading in Dudley Town Centre.

Mr Morrison was in attendance at the meeting.

Following introductions, the Chairman outlined the procedure to be followed.

Mrs J Elliott, Licensing Officer, Directorate of Law and Property, presented the report on behalf of the Council. She stated that she had received apologies for absence from Mrs D Nellany, Food and Occupational Safety Manager, Directorate of the Urban Environment and from Mrs J Jones, Commercial Operations Manager, Directorate of Law and Property, but that they had submitted representations as indicated at Appendices 2 and 3 of the report submitted.

Mr Morrison then reported that, in the light of the complaint received in the summer in relation to the noise emanating from his power supply, he had invested in a new, top of the range generator, which had been recommended by Environmental Health. He further reported that the generator was only in use for a couple of hours per day to operate the lighting in the unit during the winter months. He then responded to questions asked by the Sub-Committee.

RESOLVED

That the application made on behalf of Mr David George Morrison, for the renewal of his consent to engage in street trading in Dudley Town Centre, be approved for a period of twelve months.

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APPLICATION FOR THE GRANT OF A HOUSE TO HOUSE
COLLECTIONS PERMIT ON BEHALF OF THE SPONSOR A PUPPY
SCHEME

A report of the Director of Law and Property was submitted on an application made by Ms Wendy Joy Moulton, for the grant of a house to house collections permit on behalf of The Sponsor a Puppy Scheme.

Ms Moulton was not in attendance at the meeting and, following consideration of this, the Sub-Committee agreed to proceed in her absence.

RESOLVED

That the application made by Ms Wendy Joy Moulton, for the granting of a house to house collections permit on behalf of The Sponsor a Puppy Scheme, be refused on the grounds that the Sub-Committee expressed concerns in relation to the requesting of direct debits door to door from vulnerable residents.

The meeting ended at 11.30am

CHAIRMAN