

**LICENSING ACT 2003 SUB-COMMITTEE  
TUESDAY, 16<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2010**

**PRESENT** – *Councillor Roy Davies (in the Chair), Councillor John Williams and Councillor John Wright*

**RESOLUTIONS**

**46 Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest

**47 Application for a Review of a Premises Licence – The Kings Inn, Kings Bridge Street, Blackburn, BB2 4PL.**

The Sub-Committee considered a Committee review of a Premises licence in respect of The Kings Inn, Kings Bridge Street, Blackburn, BB2 4PL.

The application had been submitted by residents as interested parties. The grounds for review were under the prevention of public nuisance objective and involved continuous reports and witnessed events of noise and disturbance from customers entering/leaving premises and using beer garden/patio area. The complaints made also related to loud music and DJ voiceovers from entertainment activities, vehicles sounding horns and banging of car doors. However, since then there has been a change of Premises Licence holder and DPS to Mrs Jayne Healy.

At the first review the Environmental Protection Officer had itemised the remarkable improvements in relation to noise and conduct of the business of the public house. The Committee had heard that Mr and Mrs Morrison had also acknowledged the improvements. The only negative comments from residents had been an isolated case of a customer urinating outside, and on two different occasions, abusive customers outside the premises on 5th September 2009 and 12th September 2009. The new licence holder had indicated that efforts would be intensified to look into these occurrences. This is the second of those reviews.

Environmental Protection, who have spoken with Mrs Morrison, have contacted the licensing section and have submitted a response. John Wood has also confirmed that an acoustic consultant has advised that they have now been instructed to undertake the sound tests.

In considering the application, Members took into account the information presented by the Council's Public Protection Officers, representations from Mrs Healy, Premises Licence Holder, Designated Premises Supervisor and Personal Licence Holder and John Wood, the Council's Senior Environmental Health Officer, Jide Martins the Council's Solicitor gave legal advice on the importance of prevention of public nuisance as an objective of the Licensing Act 2003,

Councillor Gordon spoke on behalf of the residents.

The Chair invited all interested parties to be involved in the discussions that followed.

Following submissions by the Council's Public Protection Officers, Jide Martins, Mrs Healy, Councillor Gordon and John Wood, the Sub-Committee retired to seek legal advice.

**RESOLVED –**

That in relation to The Kings Inn, Kings Bridge Street, Blackburn, BB2 4PL:

That the opening hours be extended by 15 minutes, to allow 45 minutes in total for clearance of the public house after last orders at the bar. This will hopefully reduce the number of people waiting outside for taxis, and creating a disturbance.

The Committee will re-visit this at the next 6 month review to assess the effectiveness.

The Committee also suggest that the residents and Mrs Healy use a ward Councillor to act as an arbitrator to discuss issues as and when they arise. Councillor Gordon stated that he would be happy to help in this role.

Signed .....

Chair of the meeting at which the Minutes were signed

Date .....