

Licensing Sub-Committee

Held at:	Council Chamber - Civic Centre Folkestone
Date	Monday, 12 July 2021
Present	Councillors Gary Fuller, Mrs Jennifer Hollingsbee and Jim Martin
Apologies for Absence	Councillor David Wimble
Officers Present:	Kate Clark (Case Officer - Committee Services), Nicola Murton (Lead Legal Specialist), Jack Pearce (Legal Trainee), Briony Williamson (Licensing Specialist) and John Bickel (Licensing Specialist)
Others Present:	Town Councillor Mary Lawes

The meeting commenced, however it was noted only two councillors were present as Councillor Wimble had given his apologies shortly before the start of the meeting. In this respect Councillor Jim Martin kindly agreed to attend instead enabling meeting quorate. The meeting was adjourned for a short while to allow Councillor Martin to arrive.

6. **Election of Chairman for the meeting**

Proposed by Councillor Gary Fuller
Seconded by Councillor Jim Martin

Resolved: That Councillor Mrs Jenny Hollingsbee was appointed Chairman for the meeting.

7. **Declarations of interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

8. **Declarations of lobbying**

Declarations forms received showed no lobbying of councillors.

9. **An application for a new Premises Licence in respect of: Folkestone College Restaurant, Shorncliffe Road, Folkestone, Kent, CT20 2TZ**

Report DCL/21/08 outlined the application made by Mr Lee Osborn for the new Premises Licence. The Licensing Sub-Committee determined the outcome for the application.

Members were briefly taken through the report. This was followed by a statement from the Planning Department which was read out by the Licensing Specialist. The Planning Department's representation included concerns with the late opening hours, which, in their opinion would contravene one of the licensing objectives; 'the prevention of public nuisance'. Also, planning permission is required for change of use.

Councillor Mary Lawes from Folkestone Town Council was invited to speak. She agreed with the views of the Planning Department and also said that the premises was located in a densely populated area which includes new family homes. Councillor Lawes confirmed these were her own views and not those of Folkestone Town Council.

Members were advised that the restaurant is used to enable students to learn all aspects of the catering trade.

The Licensing Sub-Committee members considered the report and application and acknowledged that planning permission will need to be sought for a change of use. The following resolutions, agreed by all members, were made:

RESOLVED:

- 1. That report DCL/21/08 is noted and received.**
- 2. That the licence is granted with amendments to the original application. The Committee are agreeable to sale of alcohol between 11:00 hrs and 22:30 hrs, Monday to Sunday with an additional half hour 'drinking up time' prior to closure at 23:00 hrs all week. The reason for the amendment is to comply with the four licensing objectives, in particular - The prevention of public nuisance.**

(Voting: For 3, Against 0, Abstentions 0)