

MINUTES OF THE LICENSING (HEARING) SUB-COMMITTEE

HELD ON TUESDAY 24 August 2021 AT 2.30 PM

APPLICANT: City of London Licensing Authority
PREMISES: Blank Gallery, 27B Throgmorton Street, London,
EC2N 2AN

Sub-Committee:

Marianne Fredericks (Chairman)
Sophie Fernandes
Shravan Joshi

Officers:

Town Clerk – Leanne Murphy
Comptroller and City Solicitor – Frank Marchione
Markets & Consumer Protection – Peter Davenport

Given Notice of Attendance:

None

Licensing Act 2003 (Hearings) Regulations 2005

A public Hearing was held at 2.30pm in Committee Room 3, Guildhall, London, EC2, to consider the representations submitted in respect of an application by the City of London Licensing Authority for a licence review in respect of the premises Blank Gallery, 27B Throgmorton Street, London, EC2N 2AN.

The Sub-Committee had before them the following documents:-

Hearing Procedure

Appendix 1: Report of the Director of Markets & Consumer Protection

- i) Copy of Application
- ii) Diary of Events
- iii) Email from Robert Breese dated 18 August 2020

Appendix 2: Supporting evidence from City of London Licensing Authority

- i) Statement of Andre Hewitt
- ii) Exhibits relating to Andre Hewitt's statement
 - APH1 - Intention to suspend
 - APH2 – Suspension Notice
 - APH3 – Till Receipt
 - APH4 – Companies House Details
 - APH5 – Current Licence
- iii) Statement of Pritam Ragoonath
- iv) Exhibits relating to Pritam Ragoonath's statement
 - PR1 – Photo

PR2 – Photo

v) Statement of Nad Valaydon

vi) Exhibits relating to Nad Valaydon's statement

NV1 – Photo

Appendix 3: Representations from responsible authorities: City of London Police

i) Statement of Daniel White

ii) Statement of Benjamin Ellen

iii) Exhibits relating to Benjamin Ellen's statement

BE1 – Receipt showing daily sales 10 October 2020

BE2-BE8 – Receipts showing daily sales

BE9-BE15 – Z totals from a card payment machine

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1. The Hearing commenced at 2.30 PM.
 2. At the commencement of the Hearing, the Chairman explained that the Licence Holder's Solicitor had notified the Town Clerk that neither the Licence Holder or his Solicitor were able to attend the Hearing on 24 August 2021 and there was no other suitable representative that could attend. The Solicitor had provided notification of availability to the Licensing Team before the hearing date was selected, but this had not been brought to the attention of the Town Clerk. The Chairman explained that this would not ordinarily necessarily stop a Hearing taking place; however, following legal advice and having consulted all relevant parties to the Hearing, it was unanimously agreed that it was in the public interest to adjourn the Hearing to a date that all parties could attend.
 3. The Chairman stated that the Hearing could not formally be adjourned until it had been opened as formal notice of the hearing had been sent out to all parties.
 4. The Sub Committee agreed that as there was no attendance from the Licence Holder or those who provided objections, this meant that all parties were content with the decision to adjourn the Hearing to a later date of 14 September at 12.45pm.
 5. The Chairman adjourned the Hearing, thanked all parties for their attendance and explained that written confirmation of the new Hearing date would follow.

The meeting closed at 2.35 PM

Chairman

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