



## MINUTES

Minutes of a meeting of the **EXTRAORDINARY REPRESENTATIONAL COMMITTEE** held at the Guildhall, Mill Street, Ludlow on **WEDNESDAY 9<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2019** at 7pm.

### **R/159 PRESENT**

Chair:	Councillor Ginger
Vice Chair	Councillor Sheward
Councillors:	Councillors Gill, Lyle, Mahalski, Parry and Pote
Officers:	Kate Adams, Deputy Town Clerk

### **R/160 HEALTH & SAFETY**

The Chairman informed Councillors of the fire exits, fire assembly point and asked that everyone sign the attendance log.

### **R/161 RECORDING OF MEETINGS**

The chair notified those present that under the Openness of Local Government Regulations 2014, recording and broadcasting is permitted during public session of Council Meetings.

The chair confirmed that the meeting would be recorded due to its sensitive nature and confirmed that members of the public were happy with this.

### **R/162 APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from Councillors Clarke and O'Neill.

### **R/163 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Disclosable Pecuniary Interests  
None

Conflicts of interest

Councillor	Item	Reason
Parry	7	Sits on the Licensing Committee for Shropshire Council but does not comment on local issues.

Personal Interest

Councillor	Item	Reason
Ginger	7	Is a 'Friend of The Feathers' via email

**R/164 PUBLIC OPEN SESSION (15 minutes)**

There was one member of the public present who did not wish to speak, and also present were Karena Harris of Lanyon Bowdler Solicitors, and Jason Hiley of Crest Hotels who own The Feathers.

**R/165 LUDLOW'S UNITARY COUNCILLORS QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION**

There was one Unitary Councillor present but they did not wish to speak.

**R/166 LICENSING APPLICATION**

The chair thanked the Committee for coming in at short notice for this meeting to discuss a material alteration to a licensing consultation which was voted on at September's Committee meeting.

The chair explained the original licensing application which was considered in September and that our decision had been to object to the application. He also explained that he had been in regular contact with the Feathers Hotel management team to request they reconsider their application.

Crest Hotels have now submitted alternative licensing times, see email attached from Jason Hiley of Crest Hotels.

Mr Hiley spoke to thank Ludlow Town Council for their ongoing support and confirmed they have reviewed their application following our objection, and have taken in to account the Committee's concerns. If these changes are acceptable an amendment of the application will be made to the Licensing Authority.

Members of the committee then asked various questions and a summary of the responses are below:

- Hotel residents will be allowed in to the courtyard throughout the hotels opening hours to smoke etc. Smoking at the front of the hotel will be discouraged.
- The car park doors will remain unlocked at all times as they are a means of fire escape. The front door will be closed when the hotel is closed to non-residents.
- The hotel will be staffed 24 hours a day on a shift basis.
- CCTV will be in place and will be given to police when requested.
- All bar staff will be fully trained and members of the public will be challenged if they are thought to be younger than 25, already intoxicated or acting disorderly.
- The Feathers will be a function driven hotel and therefore may become a venue for children's plays, various entertainment, and a wheelchair friendly facility for people with disabilities. The application covers all scenarios so that a re-application should not be necessary.
- The volume levels of music etc. will be policed internally.

**RESOLVED (unanimous)**

**TG/TM**

No objection.

To withdraw previous objection subject to the Licensing Authority accepting the new and reduced hours, and licensing times proposed and adopted by Crest Hotels.

Meeting closed at 7.32pm

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Chairman

Date

NB: Closed Session minutes will not be issued