

**NEWRY, MOURNE & DOWN DISTRICT COUNCIL**

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**Minutes of Appeal Hearing re: Application for Entertainments Licence by  
Quinn's Bar Newcastle held on Monday 12 June 2023 at 5.00pm via  
Microsoft Teams**

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**Chairperson:** Councillor M Ruane (Chamber)

**Deputy Chairperson:** Councillor G Kearns (Chamber)

**In attendance: (Committee Members)**

Councillor T Andrews (Chamber)

Councillor C Bowsie (Chamber)

Councillor P Campbell (Chamber)

Councillor W Clarke (Teams)

Councillor C Galbraith (Teams)

Councillor C King (Chamber)

Councillor D Lee-Surginor (Chamber)

Councillor S Murphy (Chamber)

Councillor J Tinnelly (Teams)

Councillor J Truesdale (Chamber)

**Officials in attendance:** Mr C Mallon Director Enterprise Regeneration & Tourism  
Mr C Jackson Assistant Director Building Control &  
Regulation  
Mr J McGilly Assistant Director Enterprise Regeneration  
& Tourism  
Mr P Rooney Acting Head of Legal Administration  
Mr E Newell Head of Building Control & Licensing  
Ms P Hughes Senior Licensing Officer  
Mr D McAllister Licensing Officer  
Mr C Toner Licensing Officer  
Mr J Campbell Head of Environmental Health  
(Residential)  
Ms S Cromie Licensing Business Support Officer  
Ms L Dillon Democratic Services Officer  
Ms L Cummins Democratic Services Officer

**Also in attendance:** Mr John Burke (Representative for Applicant)  
Mr Paul McConnell (Objector)  
Mr Kevin Feehan (Objector)

## **APOLOGIES**

No apologies.

## **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

No Declarations of Interest.

## **HEARING**

### **RE: APPLICATION FOR RENEWAL OF ENTERTAINMENTS LICENCE PREMISES AT QUINN'S BAR 62-64 MAIN STREET NEWCASTLE BT33 0AE**

Read: Report dated 12 June 2023 from Mr C Jackson Assistant Director ERT regarding an application for the renewal of an Entertainment Licence for premises at Quinn's Bar 62-64 Main Street Newcastle BT33 0AE. **(Circulated)**

Mr Jackson explained the Council received an application for the renewal of an Entertainment Licence at Quinn's Bar Newcastle, in June 2022, and following notices in the local press, objections to the Licence were received due to noise complaints.

He gave the following background to the application:

- Environmental Health served a Noise Abatement Order on the said premises in relation to the playing of amplified music for prolonged periods.
- An Entertainments Licence was issued for a 3 month period on the basis noise levels would be monitored in accordance with the Abatement Order with special conditions implemented within the Entertainment Licence, ie, doors at side and rear of premises remain closed during entertainment and only opened in the event of an emergency.
- Further complaints were received (as documented in papers circulated to Members).
- The Council are obliged to conduct this hearing to give owners and objectors the opportunity to express their view with discussion by Council thereafter.

Mr J Campbell Head of Environmental Health (Residential) provided background in relation to the Noise Abatement Order.

Mr Paul McConnell and Mr Kevin Feehan gave a 10 minute presentation to Members, in objection to the application.

Mr John Burke, representative for the applicant, gave a 10 minute presentation to Members.

Following discussion by Members, it was agreed to proceed as follows:

**Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor Clarke seconded by Councillor Campbell it was agreed:**

**a) To issue a Entertainment Licence to premise at Quinn's Bar 62-64 Main Street Newcastle BT33 0AE, on a temporary basis, for a 3 month period, with the inclusion of special conditions as follows:**

- Requirement for a second noise test to be carried out by Owner.
- Requirement that noise levels are in line with that previously agreed with Environmental Health on 23 November 2022.
- Premises to be monitored for a 3 month period.

**b) Following the 3 month temporary period during which monitoring will be carried out, if Licence conditions are found to be adhered to, an Entertainments Licence be extended for one year.**

There being no further business the meeting concluded at 6.00pm.

For adoption at the Council Meeting to be held on Monday 03 July 2023.

**Signed: Councillor M Ruane**

**Chairperson of Enterprise Regeneration & Tourism Committee**

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**Signed: Mr C Mallon**

**Director of Enterprise Regeneration & Tourism Committee**

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