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Present: - Councillors Charlesworth, Daniel (In the Chair), Pragnell (as the duly appointed substitute for Councillor Lock), Rushbrook and Soan.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Lock.

### **55. APPLICATION FOR A PUBLIC ENTERTAINMENT LICENCE, THE BALLROOM, HASTINGS PIER**

The Head of Environment and Highways reported on an application from Quay Leisure and Entertainment to provide licensable public entertainment in The Ballroom, Hastings Pier, between the hours of 10.00 am and 2.00am the following morning Monday to Saturday. The application was for both "public dancing or music, or any other entertainment of a like kind" and for "public contest, exhibition or display of boxing, wrestling, judo, karate or similar sport".

The Police and Fire Service had been consulted and raised no objections.

Residents who had been previously subjected to noise nuisance had been separately consulted in accordance with the undertaking given by the Licensing Board in November 2002. Two responses had been received and were circulated at the meeting. No objections were made to the issue of a licence but close monitoring of noise emission and late night crime and nuisance was requested.

Ms K Manning, the applicant, was in attendance together with Mr B Welsh, the leaseholder and Mr R Bryk and Mr D Bluston, of Howard Kennedy Solicitors. All spoke in support of the application.

After the introduction of the report by the Council Officers, the Chair adjourned the meeting for 25 minutes to allow a technical discussion between the Principal Environmental Health Officer (Pollution) and the applicant's sound specialist regarding the possible inclusion of extra sound system control conditions.

Following the recommencement of the meeting the Board asked questions of those present and discussed the options in detail.

**RESOLVED – (Unanimously) that the application for a Public Entertainments Licence for The Ballroom, Hastings Pier, to provide music and dancing or any other entertainment of a like kind and for public contest, exhibition or display of boxing, wrestling, judo, karate or similar sport, between the hours of 10.00am and 2.00 am the following morning, be granted until 31 January 2004, subject to the following conditions, in addition to the standard conditions:-**

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- 1) Internal sound levels for amplified entertainment sound not to exceed 100 decibels for the octave band centred on 63Hz and 100 decibels for the octave band centred on 125Hz and 107 decibels in broadband, after 11pm.**
- 2) The applicant to give an undertaking to work with the Principal Environmental Health Officer (Pollution) to agree an adequate method of sound system control in accordance with the levels set by Condition 1) above.**
- 3) The Public Entertainment Licence be granted until 2.00am on Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights, plus any other 2 nights and also until 12.00pm on the remaining weeknight (not to include Sunday) in any one week.**

(The Chair declared the meeting closed at 7.45 pm)