
LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE

MINUTES of the Meeting held in the Council Chamber, Swale House, East Street, Sittingbourne, Kent, ME10 3HT on Monday, 1 July 2019 from 2.00pm - 2.55pm.

PRESENT: Councillors Derek Carnell (Chairman), Lee McCall and Tony Winckless.

OFFICERS PRESENT: Mohammad Bauluck, Robin Harris and Kellie MacKenzie.

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: Mrs Hanslow (Representing Woodcoombe Sports and Social Club).

104 EMERGENCY EVACUATION PROCEDURE

The Chairman outlined the Emergency Evacuation Procedure for those present.

105 NOTIFICATION OF CHAIRMAN AND OUTLINE OF PROCEDURE

The Chairman outlined the procedure and asked the Sub-Committee and officers to introduce themselves.

106 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No interests were declared.

107 NEW TIME LIMITED PREMISES LICENCE UNDER THE LICENSING ACT 2003

The Licensing Officer introduced the report which was for a Time Limited Premises Licence at Woodcoombe Sports and Social Club, Church Road, Murston. The Licensing Officer outlined the proposed hours as set-out on page two of the Committee report. He drew attention to the conditions requested by Kent Police, which he confirmed had been agreed by the applicant. No representations had been received from the other responsible authorities.

The Licensing Officer reported that one representation from a local resident objecting to the application had been received, this was set-out on page 43 of the Committee report. The Licensing Officer confirmed that the objector had advised that they would not be attending the meeting.

The Chairman invited Mrs Hanslow (representing Woodcoombe Sports and Social Club) to present her case.

Mrs Hanslow reported that she had worked at the family orientated premises for the last 23 years. She explained that following the success of the WoodFest music festival in 2017, they planned to hold the festival again at their premises on Saturday 27 July 2019. Mrs Hanslow stated that the safety of both customers and local residents was important to them. She confirmed that if the licence was granted they would send letters to all local residents advising them of the date and

time of the event with contact details for the club if they had any concerns. Mrs Hanslow spoke about the importance of the Club to the local community.

The Chairman invited Members to ask questions.

In response to queries from Members, Mrs Hanslow stated that the number of tickets for the event had been reduced from 1,500 to 1,000. She confirmed that there would be 11 security officers and also staff from the Club working on the night to ensure that customers entered and exited the premises quickly and efficiently.

The Senior Lawyer (Contentious) referred to the concerns raised by the objector in respect of noise issues affecting local residents during the event held in 2017.

Mrs Hanslow advised that notices were displayed on each door of the club asking customers to leave the premises quietly. She further advised that she would herself be assisting the security officers at one of the doors to ensure customers found their taxis swiftly. With regard to noise from the bands, Mrs Hanslow stated that changes had been made to the layout of the event and the stage would be faced away from residential properties and towards the commercial properties instead. She hoped this would resolve the issue.

Members of the Sub-Committee adjourned to make their decision at 2.15pm.

At 2.50pm Members of the Sub-Committee, the Senior Lawyer (Contentious) and the Democratic Services Officer returned, and the meeting was re-convened.

The Decision, as set out in these minutes at Appendix I was read out.

Resolved:

- (1) The Sub-Committee agreed to grant the licence subject to conditions.***

Chairman

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