

## LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE

### MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 23 DECEMBER 2021

**Present:** Cllrs Jon Andrews, Emma Parker and David Taylor

**Also present:** John Bean (Dorset Police), Craig Horton (Applicant – No 10) and Mike Long (Applicant – Neon)

**Officers present (for all or part of the meeting):**

Elaine Tibble (Senior Democratic Services Officer), Lara Atree (Senior Lawyer - Regulatory), Kathryn Miller (Licensing Officer) and Jane Williams (Team Leader - Public Protection)

**116. Election of Chairman and Statement for the Procedure of the Meeting**

Proposed by Cllr Taylor, seconded by Cllr Parker.

**Decision:** that Cllr Jon Andrews be elected Chairman for the duration of the meeting.

**117. Declarations of Interest**

No declarations of disclosable pecuniary interests were made at the meeting.

**118. Urgent items**

There were no urgent items.

**119. Objection of Temporary Event Notice - Neon**

The Licensing Officer introduced the report to consider objections to a Temporary Event Notice (TEN) submitted by Mr Long (the Applicant) for New Year's Day. The application was attached at appendix 1 of the report.

Objections had been received from Dorset Police and Dorset Council Environmental Protection.

The Licensing Officer detailed the options available to the Sub-Committee.

There were no questions from the Sub-Committee, the Applicant or the Responsible Authorities.

The Applicant was then given the opportunity to present his case to the Sub-Committee. Following an application for a TEN in October that was not granted the Applicant advised that he had taken on board the comments from that meeting. He had implemented sound reduction measures to address the

noise nuisance and since then there had hardly been any complaints from Environmental Protection regarding noise. New Year's Eve would be a busy and noisy night in the town and he felt it would be fair for Neon to be on a level playing field with the other venues. In January he hoped to apply for a variation of his Licence as previously suggested by Dorset Police.

Attendees were given the opportunity to ask questions of the Applicant.

In response to those questions the Sub-Committee heard that the Applicant had applied for 4 TENs in the last 12 months. Entry to the venue was not allowed after 01:00, with the exception of re-entry, bar staff from other venues and emergency services personnel, who they allowed in after they had finished work. No-one else was allowed entry after 01:00. This would also apply on New Year's Eve.

The capacity of the venue was 120 which was monitored by door staff with clickers. The resident DJ was booked until 04:00 on 1 January, and there would be additional door staff on duty and the side door/alley would be patrolled and monitored. The Applicant hoped that the activities would be finished by 05:30 and partly his reasoning for the extended timings was to ensure flexibility for customers to leave gradually so there would not be an influx of people all leaving the various venues at the same time.

There were no further questions and all parties were given the opportunity to sum up their cases prior to the Sub-Committee retiring to make their decision.

#### 120. **Exempt Business**

Proposed by Cllr Andrews, seconded by Cllr Parker.

Decision: That the press and the public be excluded for the following item(s) in view of the likely disclosure of exempt information within the meaning of paragraph 3 of schedule 12 A to the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended).

#### **Decision:**

To ISSUE A NOTICE (STATEMENT OF CONDITIONS) to add all of the conditions from the Neon Premises Licence to the TEN.

#### 121. **Objection of Temporary Event Notice - No 10**

The Licensing Officer introduced the report to consider objections to a Temporary Event Notice (TEN) submitted by Mr Horton for New Year's Day. The application was attached at appendix 1 of the report.

Objections had been from Dorset Police and Dorset Council Environmental Protection.

The Licensing Officer detailed the options available to the sub-committee.

There were no questions from the Sub-Committee, the Applicant or the Responsible Authorities

The Applicant was invited to present his case. He advised that there would be no DJ on New Year's Eve, it was intended to play music through their in-house music system which could be monitored and controlled. An extra doorman would be on duty and action had been taken following some noise nuisance complaints to address those issues, including putting up a curtain to cut some sound and reminding live bands keep the noise levels down.

In response to questions, the Applicant advised that they did not let customers come into the venue after 01:30 unless they were staff from other venues who had come off shift.

The capacity of the venue was monitored by door staff and there was an additional counter for double checking numbers inside the premises.

The Team Leader for Environmental Protection confirmed that she was not aware of any breaches of the Noise Abatement Notice which had been served on the Premises on 19 October this year. She had visited the premises approximately 3 weeks after the Noise Abatement Notice was served and discussed noise monitoring with a member of staff.

There were no further questions and all parties were given the opportunity to sum up their cases prior to the Sub-Committee retiring to make their decision.

## 122. **Exempt Business**

Proposed by Cllr Andrews, seconded by Cllr Parker

Decision: That the press and the public be excluded for the following item(s) in view of the likely disclosure of exempt information within the meaning of paragraph 3 of schedule 12 A to the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended).

**Decision:** To ISSUE A NOTICE (STATEMENT OF CONDITIONS) to add all of the conditions from the No.10 Café Bar Premises Licence to the TEN.

**Duration of meeting:** 10.00 - 11.25 am

**Chairman**

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