

LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 25 MAY 2022

Present: Cllrs Jon Andrews, Kate Wheller and Susan Cocking.

Also present:

Applicants: Sophia Harrington, Jason Harrington, Craig Frost

Objectors: Julia Herbert and Robert Rodway

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

Elaine Tibble (Senior Democratic Services Officer), Lara Aintree (Senior Lawyer - Regulatory), John Miles (Democratic Services Officer Apprentice) and Kathryn Miller (Senior Licensing Officer)

1. Election of Chairman and Statement for the Procedure of the Meeting

Proposed by Cllr Kate Wheller, Seconded by Cllr Susan Cocking

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

2. Declarations of Interest

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

3. Urgent items

There were no urgent items.

4. New Premises Licence Application for The Club Wimborne, Wimborne

The Senior Licensing Officer presented the report which sought approval for a new premises licence at The Club Wimborne 23a Eastbrook Row, Crown Mead, Wimborne, BH21 1HN.

The premises had previously held a licence under the name The Vibe Lounge from November 2005 which according to Council records had elapsed in July 2019.

The application sought a premises licence to play live and recorded music indoors 23:00 to 03:00, late-night refreshment Monday to Sunday 23:00 to 03:00, and the supply of alcohol on the premises from 12 noon to 03:00 Monday to Sunday.

Members of the sub-committee, the premises applicant and objectors were given the opportunity to ask questions of the Senior Licensing Officer.

It was clarified between the applicant and Senior Licensing Officer that there were 7 documents in support of the application, not 4 as stated in the report.

The applicant was given the opportunity to present her case. She outlined the history of the premises which had been in her family since 2005 and gave details of the proposed policies and changes she intended to implement.

She then concluded that both the police and environmental health had withdrawn their objections subject to meeting their requirements of no re-entry 45 minutes before closure.

The sub-committee members were given the opportunity to ask questions of the applicant. These focused on the number of people that the club could accommodate, fire risk, the applicant's experience of running a night club and how the applicant would tackle previous objections to the premises. Concerns were raised about the smoking area and taking drinks outside.

Objectors were invited to put their case forward. The objector's concerns related to loud music being played, the location of the smoking area, lack of control of customers when they left the venue, antisocial behaviour and the unsuitability of the premises for Wimborne.

The Senior Licensing Officer clarified there were no differences between a nightclub licence and a premises licence. The noise limiter would be set by environmental health as part of conditions requested and could not be changed unless agreed by environmental health.

All parties were given the opportunity to sum up their case.

The chair checked that everyone had said what they wanted to say before the sub-committee retired to make their decision

5. **Exempt Business**

Proposed by Cllr Kate Wheller and Seconded by Cllr Susan Cocking

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 GRANT a Premises Licence with amended hours, together with the usual mandatory conditions, and the conditions consistent with the Operating Schedule, the conditions proposed by Dorset Police and Dorset Council's Environmental Health Team and the condition added by the Licensing Sub-Committee as set out below, to permit the following:

Recorded and live music (indoors):

Sunday to Thursday 2300 to 0200 hours

Friday and Saturday 23:00 to 03:00

Bank Holidays, Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve 23:00 to 03:00

Late night refreshment (indoors):

Sunday to Thursday 2300 to 0200 hours.

Friday and Saturday 23:00 to 03:00

Bank Holidays, Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve 23:00 to 03:00

Sale of alcohol (on the premises):

Sunday to Thursday 1200 to 0200 hours

Friday and Saturday 12:00 to 03:00

Bank Holidays, Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve 12:00 to 03:00

Conditions consistent with the Operating Schedule

There shall be no supply of alcohol for consumption off the premises.

A Personal Licence Holder is to be present at the premises at all times during licensing hours.

An attendant shall be on duty in the cloakroom during the whole time that it is in use.

Documented delegation of authorisations to sell alcohol shall be maintained at the premises and shall be available on request by an authorised officer of the Licensing Authority or the Police.

There shall be no entry or re-entry later than 45 minutes before the licensable activities cease at the Premises (i.e. where licensable activities cease at 02:00 no entry or re-entry after 01:15 hours and where licensable activities cease at 03:00 no entry or re-entry after 02:15 hours) and a notice at all exits (save for those used only for emergency purposes) shall be displayed to that effect. Door staff shall be instructed to advise any customer leaving or attempting to go outside the premises after the relevant time that he or she will be refused re-admission.

Whenever regulated entertainment is provided all external doors and windows shall be kept shut, save for access, egress and in the event of an emergency.

A direct telephone number for the manager at the premises shall be publicly available at all times the Premises is open. This telephone number is to be made available to residents and businesses in the vicinity.

The smoking area shall close 45 minutes before the termination of licensable activities.

Duration of meeting: 10.00 - 11.46 am

Chairman

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