

LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 22 MARCH 2023

Present: Cllrs Jon Andrews, Emma Parker and Les Fry

Also present: Joe Barnett (Event Promoter and Director), Gareth Hance (Acoustic Consultant), Matthew Phipps (Solicitor), Clare Goodchild (Project Lead), Tony Lithgow (Local Resident) and Richard Burden (Principle Landscape and Planning Officer for Cranborne Chase AONB).

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

Lara Atree (Senior Lawyer - Regulatory), Aileen Powell (Team Leader Licensing), Kathryn Miller (Senior Licensing Officer), Darren Naraine (Environmental Protection Team Leader), Kate Critchel (Senior Democratic Services Officer) and John Miles (Democratic Services Officer Apprentice).

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

Proposed by Cllr Emma Parker, seconded by Cllr Jon Andrews

Decision: that Cllr Les Fry be elected as chairman for the duration of the meeting.

129. Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs David Taylor and Mike Dyer, substituted by Cllrs Emma Parker and Jon Andrews.

130. Declarations of Interest

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

131. Urgent items

There were no urgent items.

132. New Premises Licence for We Out Here Festival

The Senior Licensing Officer presented the report for a new premises licence We Out Here, Wimborne St Giles, Dorset. Environmental Health and Dorset Police had requested a number of conditions to be added to the licence which the applicant had agreed.

The conditions included the change of hours of the sale of alcohol to the following times Wednesday 14:00-23:00, Thursday 11:00-03:00, Friday 11:00-04:00,

Saturday 11:00-04:00, Sunday 11:00-03:00, Alcohol on Friday and Saturday to be 04:00 and 05:00 hours for 2024 and beyond with prior written permission from Dorset police, now agreed.

All parties were given the opportunity to ask questions of the Senior Licensing Officer.

The applicants were given the opportunity to state their case. The solicitor for the applicant presented his observations of the report and covered the key points such as, there were no other responsible authorities objecting to the application, the road would be slowed from a 60 to a 30 Mph speed limit for public safety, and it is a well-planned event, which would focus on jazz and world music.

There had been pre-application consultation with all authorities, dialogue and discussion with the safety advisory group, and an experienced sound consultant employed to manage and assess noise levels. Any concerns about noise will be investigated, with a helpline and state of the art facilities. Challenge 25 will be enforced; staff will undergo training and the event will provide a cultural benefit.

Councillors asked the applicant questions regarding the difficulty of finding the festival and that signposting, and advertisement was needed. The background and effectiveness of the traffic management plan, setting a date for the debrief, days that the festival will operate, clarification of the term family event, keeping families safe, supporting families with the helpline, supply of water and the security of the site were discussed.

There was an adjournment for 5 minutes.

Mr Lithgow made a representation as he lived near the site, and stated he would likely hear noises but was confident that the applicant employed experienced staff. He supported the dark sky designation but felt that the event would have a small impact on the area.

Mr Burden from the Cranborne Chase AONB group, informed the Sub-Committee of the potential impacts on the AONB such as, noise, light creating a sky glow effect, additional visitors, and the disturbance to tranquillity.

He highlighted the Council's duty under section 85 of the Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000 to have regard to the purpose of conserving and enhancing the AONB's natural beauty when exercising or performing any of its functions.

In response to Mr Burden's comments, the solicitor asked for it to be recorded that they will continue to engage fully and comprehensively with the Cranborne Chase AONB Group.

All parties were given the opportunity to sum up their case prior to the sub-licensing committee adjourning to make their decision.

133. **Exempt Business**

Proposed by Cllr Emma Parker, seconded by Cllr Jon Andrews

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 to permit one event per calendar year for a maximum of 6 (six) days, with the usual mandatory conditions, the conditions consistent with the Operating Schedule and the conditions added by the Sub-Committee.

Duration of meeting: 2.00 - 4.30 pm

Chairman

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