

## LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE

### MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 21 SEPTEMBER 2023

**Present:** Cllrs Les Fry, Andrew Starr, Sarah Williams

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

Elaine Tibble (Senior Democratic Services Officer), Philip Crowther (Legal Business Partner - Regulatory), Roy Keepax (Senior Licensing Officer), Aileen Powell (Licencing Team Leader) and John Miles (Democratic Services Officer)

**Also present:** Mr Chittendon (Representing the BlackCow), Mr Barber (Cofounder of BlackCow), Mr Berney (Chief Executive of BlackCow), Cllr Belinda Bawden and Mr Lewis (Owner of Lyme 1 Hotel and local resident).

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

Proposed by Cllr Sarah Williams, seconded by Cllr Andrew Starr.

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

**82. Apologies**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Mike Dyer, substituted by Cllr Sarah Williams.

**83. Declarations of Interest**

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

**84. Urgent items**

There were no urgent items.

**85. New Premises Licence Application for The Foyer, Regent Cinema, Lyme Regis**

The Licensing Team Leader presented the report to consider a new licence application for the supply of alcohol on and off the premises and for live and recorded music every day of the week up to 23.00 hours.

The applicant outlined the context of the brand Black Cow, the premises, and their plans. The Black Cow was launched in 2012 and makes vodka out of the waste product of cheese whey which was produced on a farm in West Dorset. The Brand was built around ideas that are progressive, creative, moral, and welcoming. The aim of the brand was to create a small and relaxed coffee and cocktail bar which

would serve as the brand home that works with and for the local community. This would also include a brand affiliated shop in the space adjacent to the main foyer which would stock Black Cow products and other local producers. The space would also be used for groups to attend talks and other social events. The main coffee and cocktail bar would showcase Black Cow vodka and other local businesses products, hosting pop-ups and talks.

The licence application planned to reinstate the previous licence held at the regent cinema, with its two bars, one on each floor. There would also be pre-recorded music and live music played by piano. Acoustic music would only be played on an adhoc basis, and a decibel metre held for regular checks to ensure that noise would be kept at an appropriate level, to reduce noise disturbance. Signage had been made for non-smoking areas and to remind customers to respect the neighbours. CCTV cameras had been installed on the premises to prevent crime and disorder and for public safety. Challenge 25 would also be adopted, and records kept on staff training and recording of misbehaviour. Mr Chittendon had experience working in a number of bars in the Cotswolds and Mr Burney had been in the drinks industry for over 25 years.

In response to questions by Cllrs. The applicant responded that there would be a low impact on neighbours and that the pop-up would be a similar business type to other premises in the area and the impact would overall be positive and attract more people to the area. There would be blues and jazz music played as background music and no disco music. Smoking and vaping would not be allowed inside or outside of the premises.

Mr Lewis a local resident and the managing director for the Lyme 1 Hotel raised concerns regarding, antisocial behaviour, vandalism, drunkenness, and the number of people gathering directly outside the premises. He informed that the hotel was a grade 2 listed building which did not have insulation or double glazing to reduce the noise. He raised that people would be smoking or vaping on the street outside the property and that this could not be properly prevented by the Black Cow.

The applicant assured that he would be happy to attend regular meetings with locals every six months and provide a phone number with which locals could get into contact if any issues arise.

All parties were given the opportunity to have their say and sum up.

## 86. **Exempt Business**

There was no exempt business.

**The public part of the meeting concluded, and the sub-committee moved to make their decision in private.**

**Decision:**

To GRANT a Premises Licence together with the usual mandatory conditions, the conditions consistent with the operating schedule to include the amendments agreed between the applicant and Environmental Health and the condition added by the Licencing Sub-Committee as set-out below to permit the following:

**Live and recorded music (indoors)  
Monday to Sunday 0900 to 2300 hours**

**Sale of alcohol (on and off the premises)  
Monday to Sunday 1100 to 2300 hours**

**Condition added by the Licencing Sub-Committee**

A direct telephone number and email address for the manager at the premises shall be included on the website for the premises and made available to residents and businesses in the vicinity. The telephone shall be staffed by the manager or a designated member of staff at all times when the premises is open.

**Duration of meeting:** 10.00 - 11.22 am

**Chairman**

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