

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 Macgregor (Solicitor for the applicant), Mr Lee (Manager for Sherborne House), Mr Pilman (Architect and Project Designer). Mr and Mrs Oswald (Local residents), Mrs Ballisat (Local residents) and Cllr Jon Andrews.

87. **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.

88. **Apologies**

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

89. **Declarations of Interest**

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

90. **Urgent items**

There were no urgent items.

91. **New Premises Licence Application for Sherborne House, Sherborne**

The Senior Licensing Officer introduced the report to consider a new premises licence for Sherborne House. He confirmed that the display of the notices was advertised correctly in accordance with the law and outlined what was required for the display of notices.

The solicitor covered the history of Sherborne House, the events that were going to be held, and the hours applied for in the licensing application. He informed the committee that Sherborne house was a historic building which is on the historic building at risk register and that they intended to restore the building for public use.

The applicant planned to have a visual arts centre and to make the house financially sustainable and not reliant on fundraisers through commercial activities such as, a bistro, restaurant, cocktail bar and functions rooms, business meeting rooms and letting rooms for businesses.

The management team would be led by Mr Lee, who had 30 years' experience in the hospitality sector and held premises licences in the past. The premises would provide jobs for 30 people on a full time and part time basis. On a day-to-day basis all licensable activities would cease at 23.00 hours except for pre-arranged functions such as, weddings, celebrations, and award ceremonies. The premises would not operate as a late-night night club but instead run pre-booked events which would be in keeping with the style and nature of the premises. The applicant offered his apologies to the residents that felt they had not been included in consultation and ensured that they will be included and engaged with as the premises open in 2024. People would not be allowed to bring their drinks outside after 11 pm at night.

The Senior Licensing Officer clarified that for the 28-day consultation period for any new premises licence there were only a few requirements that the applicant needed to do such as, advertising at the premises, in the local newspaper and on the licensing website. There was no obligation by law to consult with local neighbours.

Mr and Mrs Oswald raised concerns over the uncertainty over the number of events that would take place and how long these events would last. They added that 1 o'clock in the morning seemed too late for an arts centre.

Mrs Ballister informed the committee that she was very supportive of the development of Sherborne House. But the house was surrounded by dense housing on most sides and Newland on the south side of the house was very quiet in the evening, with limited vehicle traffic. She objected to an alcohol licence with the exception of New Years eve going on to 1 o'clock in the morning. She believed that a licence until 11 o'clock was more than enough and that in the summer months when there are more weddings, she would be unable to open windows due to the noise.

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

92. **Exempt Business**

There was no exempt business.

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

Decision:

To GRANT a Premises Licence together with the usual mandatory conditions and the conditions consistent with the Operating Schedule as revised by the applicant and the additional condition imposed by the Licencing Sub-Committee as set-out below, to permit the following:

Plays

Monday to Sunday 1000 to 0100 hours – indoors

Monday to Sunday 1000 to 2300 hours - outdoors

From 1000 on New Year's Eve to the end of permitted hours on New Year's Day – indoors and outdoors.

Films

Monday to Sunday 1000 to 0100 hours – indoors

Monday to Sunday 1000 to 2300 hours - outdoors

From 1000 on New Year's Eve to the end of permitted hours on New Year's Day – indoors and outdoors.

Indoor sporting events

Monday to Sunday 1000 to 0100 hours – indoors

Monday to Sunday 1000 to 2300 hours - outdoors

From 1000 on New Year's Eve to the end of permitted hours on New Year's Day – indoors and outdoors.

Live and recorded music

Monday to Sunday 1000 to 0100 hours – indoors

Monday to Sunday 1000 to 2300 hours - outdoors

From 1000 on New Year's Eve to the end of permitted hours on New Year's Day – indoors and outdoors.

Performances of dance

Monday to Sunday 1000 to 0100 hours – indoors

Monday to Sunday 1000 to 2300 hours - outdoors

From 1000 on New Year's Eve to the end of permitted hours on New Year's Day – indoors and outdoors.

Anything of a similar description to recorded and live music and performances of dance

Monday to Sunday 1000 to 0100 hours – indoors

Monday to Sunday 1000 to 2300 hours - outdoors

From 1000 on New Year's Eve to the end of permitted hours on New Year's Day – indoors and outdoors.

Late night refreshment (indoors only)

Monday to Sunday 2300 to 0100 hours

From 2300 on New Year's Eve to 0500 on New Year's Day

Sale of alcohol (on and off the premises)

Monday to Sunday 1000 to 0100 hours

From 1000 on New Year's Eve to the end of permitted hours on New Year's Day.

Condition imposed 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: 1.00 - 2.34 pm

Chairman

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