

## **LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE**

### **MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON FRIDAY 26 JULY 2024**

**Present:** Cllrs Derek Beer, Jill Haynes and Claudia Webb

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

Chris Harrod (Senior Democratic Services Officer), Lara Atree (Senior Lawyer - Regulatory), Aileen Powell (Licencing Team Leader) and John Miles (Democratic Services Officer)

**Also present:** Mr Byrne (Designated Premises Supervisor)

**45. Election of Chair and Statement for the Procedure of the Meeting**

Proposed by Cllr Jill Haynes, seconded by Cllr Claudia Webb.

**Decision:** that Cllr Derek Beer be elected as Chair for the duration of the meeting.

**46. Apologies**

Apologies for absence was received from Cllrs David Shortell and Kate Wheller, substituted by Cllrs Jill Haynes and Claudia Webb.

**47. Declarations of Interest**

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

**48. Urgent items**

There were no urgent items.

**49. Licence Variation - Seal's Cove, Bridport**

The Licensing Team Leader introduced the report. The application was to increase the area licence cover to the whole of the inside of the building and to allow off sales of alcohol and to permit live and recorded music in the garden area to the rear of the building. The Environmental Protection Team had requested some of the hours be reduced and conditions relating to the prevention of public nuisance be added to any variation granted to address issues related to noise at the premises. The Applicant agreed to the hours and the additional conditions except for those conditions relating to external speakers and no amplification of live or recorded music in the garden area.

The Designated Premises Supervisor, Mr Byrne on behalf of the applicant, addressed the Sub-Committee. He informed that the premises had currently a children's soft play centre with a climbing wall and a themed bar was nearly completed. The premises aimed to be an adventure centre with Lazer Quest coming soon. He explained that there was a nice walk along the river, and he did not want to impact the area but improve upon it. He understood the residents' concerns and would make sure the outside space was cleared by 10 pm at night, to be respectful with lighting and he would not use the speaker frequently. The speaker would be used for events like a Christmas market in the space, and to play background music. He recognised one of the main attractions to the river was to have some peace and quiet and the speaker would not be used very often.

Mr Byrne responded to Cllr questions by adding that upstairs there was going to be a shooting range which would use Virtual Reality and not live ammunition. He estimated that the soft play was limited to 140 people per session. The bar and dining area would allow 150 people and outside area 100 people. He did not want the bar to impact the existing business of the soft play. The soft play would be open until 5.30 or 6 pm and then the bar would be open after the soft play closes. The bar was themed as a Viking Village, and he planned to sell mead. The off sales were so that a holiday maker or local could take away a bottle of mead. The premises was next door to a CO-OP and a Lidl so he did not think that people would come in and pay his prices and drink it by the river. There would be security at the premises, and he would have a list of taxi drivers so that patrons could use taxis to return home. Security would be all the time at first at the bar area and then reduced when needs were identified. He was aware that the premises had a reputation for kid's soft play, so did not want to have a reputation of drunkenness or drugs.

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

**Decision:**

To VARY the Premises Licence to extend the indoor licensed area to encompass the whole building as applied for, to add off sales of alcohol and to add live and recorded music in the external garden area to the rear of the Premises, during the times shown below:

Live Music (indoors)

Monday to Sunday 11:00 to 23:30

New Year's Eve 11:00 to 00:30

Bank Holiday 11:00 to 00:30

Live Music (outdoors)

Monday to Thursday 11:00 to 23:00

Friday to Sunday 11:00 to 23:30

New Year's Eve 11:00 to 00:30

Bank Holiday when it falls on a Friday 11:00 to 00:30

Recorded Music (indoors)

Monday to Sunday 11:00 to 23:30

New Year's Eve 11:00 to 00:30

Bank Holiday 11:00 to 00:30

Recorded Music (outdoors)

Monday to Thursday 11:00 to 23:00

Friday to Sunday 11:00 to 23:30

New Year's Eve 11:00 to 00:30

Bank Holiday when it falls on a Friday 11:00 to 00:30

The Sale of Alcohol (on and off the premises)

Everyday 11:00 to 23:30

New Year's Eve 11:00 to 00:30

Bank Holiday 11:00 to 00:30

Late Night Refreshment (indoors and outdoors)

Monday to Sunday 23:00 to midnight

New Year's Eve 23:00 to 01:00

Bank Holidays 23:00 to 01:00

To add new conditions as follows:

- The garden area to be emptied of patrons before 22.00hrs.
- When there is live or recorded music indoors all windows and doors will be kept closed except for ingress and egress.
- A clear and legible sign will be placed in a prominent position on all exits reminding patrons to consider neighbours and leave quietly.
- For any events in the outside area a risk assessment will be carried out, and documented regarding whether SIA security staff should be employed for the event. The risk assessment will be available to authorised officers on request.
- The Premises Licence Holder will take noise readings every 60 minutes in the outside area when events are held that include music (live or recorded). A written log shall be kept of those readings and the log shall include the location where the readings were taken. The log shall be made available for inspection by relevant officers e.g. Environmental Protection Officer or Licensing Officer.

The Premises Licence as varied will therefore read as follows:

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50. **Exempt Business**

There was no exempt business.

**Duration of meeting:** 10.30 - 10.53 am

**Chairman**

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