

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE LICENSING ACT 2003 SUB-COMMITTEE (A) HELD IN COUNCIL CHAMBER, CIVIC OFFICES ANGEL STREET BRIDGEND CF31 4WB ON FRIDAY, 28 AUGUST 2015 AT 11.35AM

Present

Councillor R Williams – Chairperson

HE Morgan

B Jones

Officers:

Katia Daw

Lawyer

Yvonne Witchell

Licensing & Registration Manager

Andrew Rees

Senior Democratic Services Officer - Committees

Representing South
Police

Inspector J

PC K Ellis

Representing
Bridgend County
Borough Council

Matthew Jones

Environmental Health Officer

Representing the
Premises Licence
Holder

Mr R Hopkins

Premises Licence Holder

Mr R Keeble

Business Partner

Mr J Keeble

Manager of Premises

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

3. LICENSING ACT 2003: SECTION 34 APPLICATION FOR VARIATION OF PREMISES LICENCE - ROUTE 66 (FORMERLY HARWOODS), 17 COMMERCIAL STREET, MAESTEG

The Licensing and Registration Officer informed the Sub-Committee that the applicant has had discussions with the responsible authorities this morning prior to the commencement of the hearing.

The Licensing and Registration Officer reported on an application to vary the current licence to extend the timings for the licensable activities for the sale of alcohol, live music, recorded music, performance of dance which licensing activities are already

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permitted in the current premises licence at the times specified on the licence. She stated that the key features of the variation application are to extend the hours of licensable activities as follows:

- Sale by retail of alcohol - Monday-Tuesday 1000-0200 hours Wednesday to Sunday 1000-0300 hours
- Recorded music - Monday-Tuesday 1000-0230 hours Wednesday to Sunday 1000-0330 hours
- Live music - Monday-Tuesday 1000-0030 hours and Wednesday to Sunday 1000-0100 hours
- Hours open to the public - Monday –Tuesday 1000-0230 hours Wednesday 0300 hours and Thursday to Friday 1000-0330 hours

The Licensing and Registration Officer informed the Sub-Committee that the application includes seasonal variations for the 14 day period before and after Christmas and for British summertime. She also stated that the plan accompanying the application included a new decking area on the lower ground floor which is marked as a fire exit but where no licensable activities are to take place.

In response to a question from the Licensing and Registration Officer in which she requested clarification of the proposed hours, the applicant confirmed that he proposed to open the premises to the public on Wednesdays until 0300 hours.

The Licensing and Registration Officer informed the Sub-Committee that representations had been received from South Wales Police, the Licensing Authority and the Environmental Health Department. Those representations had been agreed prior to the commencement of the hearing. The Environmental Health Officer informed the Sub-Committee that the Department did not consider the timings proposed in the application did not promote the licensing objective of the prevention of public nuisance and prevention of children from harm. As a result of discussions held with the applicant this morning he had agreed revised timings for licensable activities from Monday to Saturday and Sundays which precede Bank Holiday Mondays until 0200 hours.

The applicant confirmed the above revised hours had been agreed with the Environmental Health Department.

The applicant requested an adjournment of the hearing as he needed to seek clarification from the Planning Department as to the proposed floor layout. There may also be a need for a new application for the premises as the plans for the premises may require a substantial variation.

PC Ellis stated that he fully supported the request by the applicant for an adjournment.

The Sub-Committee adjourned at 11.40am to consider the request for an adjournment and re-convened at 11.43am.

The Chairperson informed all parties that the Sub-Committee is prepared to grant the request of the applicant for an adjournment.

The Legal Officer advised that a substantial variation to the premises licence would require a new application to be made as s.36(6)(b) prevents a variation of a license to vary substantially the premises. The Legal Officer also advised that, should the application for variation proceed as currently outlined, the Sub-Committee is minded to

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undertake a sit visit to the premises to enable it to take a view as to whether the proposals are a substantial variation to the premises licence.

RESOLVED: That the Sub-Committee stand adjourned.

The applicant requested that, if possible, the hearing take place prior to 17 September 2015 as he is due to have an operation. He can attend after this date but will need his business partner to speak on his behalf.

The meeting closed at 11.47 am