

Licensing Subcommittee

15 August 2014 at 9.36 am

Present: Councillors Tyler (Chairman), Clayden and Squires

Licensing Officer	Peter Savage
Applicant	John Wallsgrove, Solicitor Stuart Langmead - Applicant
Local Residents	Mrs J. Phillips Mr B. Beach Mr P. Russell Mr M. Grint
Legal Representative	Delwyn Jones, Council's Legal Representative

1. Election of Chairman

Prior to commencement of the meeting it had been agreed that Councillor Tyler would chair the meeting.

2. Declarations of Interest

There were no Declarations of Interest made.

3. Application for Premises Licence at 'Out of Bounds', Angmering

The Chairman asked if there was any reason to enable the hearing to be dispensed with and was advised by the Licensing Officer that there was not.

Prior to commencement of consideration of this item, the Chairman requested those in attendance to introduce themselves and stated that there was a laid down procedure to be followed, a copy of which was before all those speaking at the meeting. He also stated that a verbatim note of the meeting would not be taken and should anyone wish anything particular to be noted they should indicate accordingly to enable this to be done.

In presenting the report, the Licensing Officer advised a number of minor corrections to the report, which were duly noted.

In line with the Council's procedure, written and verbal representations were received and taken due account of from the applicant and local residents. The applicant's representative advised that the sale of alcohol was purely ancillary to the activities of the facility and he stressed that this was a family entertainment centre where the focus would be on participation and enjoyment rather than on drinking. A number of conditions had been agreed with the Police and he was of the view that the steps outlined in the

application were sufficient and appropriate to promote the licensing objectives and would not cause detriment to the local residents. The extra hours that his client was asking for were in order to give some flexibility to enable the premises to have longer operating hours around bank holidays, in particular on Christmas Eve and New Years Eve. However, it was acknowledged that, should the Subcommittee be so minded, the additional hours being requested could be refused and the applicant could apply for temporary event notices (TENs) as and when required

The local residents in attendance reiterated their concerns relating to the potential for instances of crime and disorder and public nuisance and particularly highlighted their view that the supply of alcohol at the premises was unnecessary.

Following questions and answers from all sides, the Subcommittee then retired from the meeting to consider its decision. The Council's legal representative was asked to verify the lawfulness of the decision being made and, on the meeting being reconvened, the Chairman gave advice to that effect.

The Chairman then advised all those in attendance of the decision of the Subcommittee as follows:-

That the licence be granted as applied for, excluding the additional hours as outlined in the application and subject to:-

- (1) The applicant will clearly define by way of signage that no alcohol to be consumed in the soft play and climbing areas, as already agreed and;
- (2) No drink promotions will be entered into.

Reason for the decision:-

The Subcommittee recognised that there was a public perception that the premises would engender public nuisance and crime and disorder but felt that the conditions agreed with the Police were sufficient to address those concerns. The additional two conditions above were placed on the licence to strengthen those agreed with the Police.

(The meeting concluded at 11.05 am)

Signed ..... Chairman