

LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE

Minutes of the meeting held at 10.00am on 20 March 2019

Present:

Councillor Pauline Tunnicliffe (Chairman)
Councillors Gareth Allatt and Mary Cooke

13 APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN FOR THE MEETING

Councillor Pauline Tunnicliffe was appointed as Chairman.

14 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

15 Application for a New Premises Licence at Econo Pizza 51 Mottingham Road SE9 4QZ

The application was for a premises licence for Late Night refreshment running until 0300 hours Sunday to Thursday and 0430 hours Friday and Saturday mornings. The Council received 6 representations against the application, 3 from responsible authorities, one Ward Councillor and 2 residents. Representatives from the local residents association, the police and the noise team attended the hearing.

Members noted that the applicant had not completed the section of the form as to how he intended to promote the four licensing objectives other than the mere statement that he would. Without this information, the Sub-Committee concluded it would not have the necessary information to assess the application. Members accordingly adjourned the consideration of the application for the applicant to complete, after consultation with the police, the public health nuisance team and the planning section, a proposed operating schedule for the business, as required by the form.

The hearing would be adjourned for approximately two months with the aim of the matter being considered by the same panel. The applicant was advised that he must not provide late night refreshment after 11pm until the resumed hearing as this may constitute an offence. Any objectors should be informed of the new hearing date.

16 Premises Licence Application for Summer Love Festival Elmstead Lane Chislehurst

The application:

The application was to licence a one day festival to be presented to the public on Sunday, 26th May 2019. The build would begin on Tuesday 21st May 2019,

with work taking place to construct the stage, erect the bars and construct children's areas. No overnight work would be permitted. An event plan submitted with the application event described it as a family festival and music would be chosen to attract that audience. Children would only be able to gain access, however, with an adult who would present valid ID at the gate. The capacity of the event was stated to be limited to 3000 audience members. A Noise Control consultant would be appointed and a sound restrictor implemented to prevent sound equipment going over recommended levels.

(i) The case for the applicant:

The applicant, Ms K Hanlon attended the Sub-Committee meeting. She advised she had experience in running similar events. With reference to how the audience could visit the event, there would be in place a traffic management plan with restrictions on parking nearby. Some parking would be available on site but would be pre-booked only. Patrons would be encouraged to use public transport and Elmstead Woods and Grove Park railway stations were local. To minimise any possible nuisance, the lighting would be focused internally and it would be turned down within one hour after the event had finished with the aim of achieving the full dispersal of the audience. Adequate security for the event would be provided. The police would not have a presence at the event but could be contacted. In response to questions raised at the hearing, damaged fencing surrounding the site would be repaired before the event.

(ii) The case for the objectors:

Written and oral submissions were made by neighbours. Concerns were raised about possible nuisance resulting from the position of the stage and proximity to nearby housing, the impact of noise both from the music and generators and of the 10pm finish time on a Sunday. The experience resulting from previous events held at the site was mentioned, as was the condition of the perimeter fence.

Reasons for decision

Members considered the amended application, the written and oral representations, the Council's Statement of Licensing Policy and statutory guidance. Members concluded that the event would not result in a level of nuisance that would justify refusal of the application, particularly given that it would be a one day event. The numbers attending the event could be controlled by the Licence. A condition could be imposed to prevent derigging on the following Bank Holiday Monday, to safeguard resident's amenities and a condition requiring the lighting after the event to be turned down at 11pm would help ensure prompt dispersal from the event.

With reference to the objective to secure the protection of children from harm, Members were satisfied that measures would be put in place to ensure the safety of children attending the event with adults. The event management

plan to be approved by the Council would safeguard public safety and address any concerns in relation to crime and disorder.

Decision

That the application for the premises licence for the Summer Love Festival, Elmstead Lane, Chislehurst on 26th May 2019 be permitted subject to the following conditions:

1. No more than 2500 admission tickets shall be issued for the event.
2. No derigging of any of the temporary structures erected for the event shall take place at any time during Monday 27th May 2019.
3. The lighting shall be turned down at 23.00 hours on Sunday 26th May 2019.
4. A full event management plan is to be submitted and agreed with the Safety Advisory Group for the Council before the event takes place.

Chairman