



Minutes of the meeting of the LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE held on THURSDAY  
17 JUNE 2021 at 3.00 pm

**Present:** Councillor McLean (Chair)  
Councillors Bowyer and Marlow

**Officers:** N Allen (Head of Regulatory Services), J Sloan (Senior Licensing Officer), M Tiley (Solicitor - Litigation) and J Crighton (Committee Manager)

**Also Present:** G McCormack (Thames Valley Police [applicant]), Mr G Imbimbo (Premises Licence Holder), H Mather (CDMK [Premises Licence Holder's legal representative]), E Fisher (Licensing Authority) and R Haine (Bletchley and Fenny Stratford Town Council)

**LSC03                    DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None disclosed.

**LSC04                    APPLICATION FOR A REVIEW OF A PREMISES LICENCE - FRATELLI'S  
MASTER CATERERS, 35a AYLESBURY STREET, BLETCHLEY**

The Sub-Committee considered an application for a Review of a Premises Licence in respect of Fratelli's Master Caterers, 35a Aylesbury Street, Bletchley.

The Senior Licensing Officer advised the Sub-Committee that a hearing was necessary to determine an application for a Review of a Premises Licence of Fratelli's Master Caterers under Section 53c of the Licensing Act 2003.

It was noted that a Summary Review of the premises was held on 27 May 2021 at which time the Sub-Committee had suspended the premises licence as an interim measure until a full review be held.

Following the Summary Review, the Licensing Authority had received two representations; one from a Responsible Authority (Licensing Authority) and Bletchley and Fenny Stratford Town Council.

G McCormack (applicant [Thames Valley Police]) informed the Sub-Committee that the Summary Review had been held following a serious assault that had taken place outside the premises and the subsequent actions of the Premises Licence Holder, Mr Imbimbo.

It was noted that, during the investigation, Mr Imbimbo had initially failed to supply the requested CCTV footage of the incident which had been a breach of his licence conditions. When the footage had eventually been submitted, it appeared footage had been deleted and Mr Imbimbo was arrested for perverting the course of justice and was currently still under investigation.

It was reported that the High Tech Crime Team believed they had been successful in recovering some of the footage, but this was a lengthy process and the investigation team were waiting for the footage to be downloaded so it could be reviewed.

E Fisher (Licensing Authority) informed the Sub-Committee that an inspection of the premises had been held on 7 June 2021 and Mr Imbimbo, together with the Designated Premises Supervisor, had been co-operative.

The Sub-Committee noted there had been non-compliance with some licence conditions which raised the question of confidence in managing and overseeing a premises, although Mr Imbimbo had addressed a number, but not all, concerns.

It was reported that the Council had received information from a resident that the premises had not been complying with current Covid-19 restrictions, alleging that dancing had been allowed within the venue, which would undermine the licensing objective 'Public Safety'.

R Haine (Bletchley and Fenny Stratford Town Council) informed the Sub-Committee that the Town Council had submitted the representation on the grounds of the licensing objectives 'Crime and Disorder' and 'Public Safety' being undermined, and, based on the evidence of the Licensing Authority and Thames Valley Police, believed Mr Imbimbo was not a fit and proper person to hold a licence.

H Mather (Mr Imbimbo's legal representative) informed the Sub-Committee Mr Imbimbo was willing to co-operate with the Licensing Authority to ensure he was compliant with the conditions on his licence; he would undertake training; he would be willing to reduce the operating hours; accept additional conditions; and the suspension had resulted in a reduced footfall.

The Sub-Committee noted that Mr Imbimbo had not previously held a premises licence and had had very limited training in managing a premises. However, the Designated Premises Supervisor (DPS) had undertaken adequate training and had been aware of the permitted

hours of operation. The Sub-Committee had been particularly concerned with the breach of conditions and the alleged actions of Mr Imbimbo in response.

The Sub-Committee had expressed concern regarding the role of the DPS in that he was primarily a chef and had usually left the premises at 10.30 pm. As a DPS, he had a shared responsibility to ensure that that the licence conditions were being adhered to.

It was noted that, whilst Thames Valley Police had seized the CCTV hard drive to try and recover any deleted footage, the premises had not maintained a fully operational CCTV recording system, which was a serious breach of Mr Imbimbo's licence conditions. The matter had seriously undermined the licensing objective of 'Preventing Crime and Disorder' because an attempted murder could not be fully investigated.

In view of the evidence before it, the Sub-Committee was satisfied that the requirements set out under Section 53c of the Licencing Act 2003 had been met and had considered all other options put forward by Mr Imbimbo's legal representative.

RESOLVED -

That the premises licence be revoked with immediate effect.

THE CHAIR CLOSED THE MEETING AT 4.23 PM