



Minutes of the meeting of the LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE held on THURSDAY 27 MAY 2021 at 4.02 pm

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

**Officers:** S Teesdale (Licensing and Business Manager), J Sloan (Senior Licensing Officer), M Tiley (Solicitor - Litigation) and J Crighton (Committee Manager)

**Also Present:** Sergeant T Neilson (Thames Valley Police), G McCormack (Thames Valley Police [applicant]) and Mr G Imbimbo (Premises Licence Holder)

**LSC01            DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None disclosed.

**LSC02            APPLICATION FOR A SUMMARY REVIEW OF A PREMISES LICENCE - FRATELLI'S MASTER CATERERS, 35a AYLESBURY STREET, BLETCHLEY**

The Sub-Committee considered an application for a Summary 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 the application under Section 53a of the Licensing Act 2003.

The application permitted a very rapid means to tackle serious crime and disorder at a premises licensed for the sale of alcohol and Section 182 of the Guidance states this action should be "reserved for the most serious matters which cannot be adequately or otherwise redressed unless urgent action is taken".

The application had been submitted by the Chief Officer of Thames Valley Police for reasons which related to serious crime.

G McCormack (Thames Valley Police [applicant]) informed the Sub-Committee that, at 00.54 hours on 23 May 2021, a serious assault had taken place outside the premises which had resulted in two males being stabbed; one victim had sustained life altering

injuries and the second male had sustained injuries defined as life threatening.

It was noted that the victims had been in attendance at the premises leading up to the assault and had been asked to leave the venue by door staff with regard to their behaviour. A verbal altercation had followed between the victims, their friends and door staff as they attempted to regain entry as they had wished to continue after-hours drinking, which they claimed the venue had permitted the previous night.

During the altercation, another male had approached the group and carried out the assault, after which the group had given chase to the assailant, followed by a member of door staff who appeared to have attempted to separate the males.

It was reported that the victims had presented themselves to Milton Keynes University Hospital at 01.18 hours.

The Sub-Committee noted that during the investigation into the assault, which was being treated as attempted murder, Thames Valley Police had requested Mr Imbimbo, the Premises Licence Holder, to upload CCTV footage of the incident, together with footage prior to the events leading up to the assault, to the Thames Valley Police's Digital Evidence Management System. However, Mr Imbimbo had initially failed to supply the footage to Police officers which was a breach of the premises licence conditions.

It was noted that when the requested footage was eventually uploaded it only provided two short clips of recordings, one had shown the incident in question together with evidence of a large gathering outside the premises during and following the assault. There had been no other footage available prior to 03.19 hours on 23 May 2021.

Mr Imbimbo had denied deleting the required footage and had subsequently been arrested for perverting the course of justice.

Mr Imbimbo had been requested to supply customers' contact details in order that the Police could call upon witnesses to the incident. Mr Imbimbo confirmed he was unable to provide these as the premises only used the NHS 'Track and Trace' application and no other details of customers had been kept.

The Sub-Committee noted that the premises licensed hours on Friday to Saturday were 09:00 to 00:30 hours, which had implied the incident had taken place beyond the licensed hours. As a premises

licence holder, Mr Imbimbo was expected to ensure the premises operated in line with the conditions of the premises licence.

The Sub-Committee had expressed extreme concern that, upon being asked about the assault taking place after permitted licensing hours, Mr Imbimbo had a lack of knowledge and understanding of the premises licence conditions and had admitted to having lock-ins. It also had grave concerns that nobody had dialled 999 during and after the assault had taken place.

In view of the evidence before it, the Sub-Committee was satisfied that the requirements set out under Section 53a of the Licencing Act 2003 had been met, and the actions of Mr Imbimbo could seriously undermine the investigation and his position as premises licence holder.

RESOLVED -

That the premises licence be suspended with immediate effect until a full review be held.

THE CHAIR CLOSED THE MEETING AT 4.58 PM