



Minutes of the meeting of the LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE held on WEDNESDAY 29 JUNE 2022 at 7:30 pm

- Present:** Councillor McLean (Chair)
Councillors Exon and Rolfe
- Officers:** S Teesdale (Licensing Principal Officer), J Sloan (Senior Licensing Officer), Meurig Tiley (Solicitor - Litigation) and J Crighton (Democratic Services Officer)
- Also Present:** F Fender (FJF Licensing Solutions [Applicants' representative]), R McCaffrey (Charles Wells), K Downing (Charles Wells), E Jackson (General Manager [The Swan Inn]), T Humpherston (Operations Manager [The Swan Inn]), Councillor Crooks and 15 members of the public

LSC05 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None disclosed.

LSC06 APPLICATION FOR A NEW PREMISES LICENCE - THE SWAN INN, BROUGHTON ROAD, MILTON KEYNES VILLAGE

The Sub-Committee considered an application for a new Premises Licence for The Swan Inn, Broughton Road, Milton Keynes Village.

The Senior Licensing Officer advised the Sub-Committee that a hearing was necessary to determine an application for a new Premises Licence for The Swan Inn, Milton Keynes Village.

It was noted that the venue was a licensed premises, but the new application had been to seek to re-licence the premises with amended hours.

The application had been to seek the following licensable activities:

Existing Hours

Alcohol

Sunday to Thursday	11:00 to 23:00
Friday to Saturday	11:00 to 00:00

Entertainment

Monday to Sunday 18:00 to 23:00

Alcohol and Entertainment

Bank Holiday Weekends Extra hour on current activities above

Proposed Hours

Alcohol

Sunday to Thursday 10:00 to 00:00
(an additional hour at the start and end of the day)

Friday to Saturday 10:00 to 00:00
(an additional hour in the morning and no change at the end of the day)

Entertainment

Monday to Sunday 10:00 to 00:00
(an additional hour at the end of the day)

(Entertainment is permitted until 23:00 without a licence as an exemption unless disapplied following a review application.)

Alcohol and Entertainment

Bank Holiday Weekends (an additional hour at the end of the day)

Opening Hours

To close 30 minutes after the last licensable activity, as stated above.

During the statutory consultation process, representations had been received from a Ward Councillor for Broughton and a number of residents, which primarily related to the following:

- (a) existing parking issues and increased footfall from customers if longer hours were granted;
- (b) the licensed and opening hours were excessive for the locality;
- (c) existing disturbance from bottle bins would increase;
- (d) noise from patrons' vehicles as they vacated the premises; and
- (e) a number of residents implied they would be prepared to accept the current hours and the disturbance this already caused.

Mr Fender, the applicants' representative, informed the Sub-Committee that the new hours sought for were not too dissimilar to those currently licenced; the increase in hours for Sunday to Thursdays, if granted, had been to restrict the use of Temporary Event Notices being applied for; it was very significant that representations had not been received from Responsible Authorities and the applicants had responded to residents who had made representations and had offered to meet to discuss the points raised but they had not engaged.

The Sub-Committee noted that, whilst The Swan Inn was a successful public house and residents had wanted to continue to support the premises, there had been tremendous concern surrounding the increase in the additional opening hours applied for and insufficient parking within the vicinity as this was largely residential.

The management team of the premises would control patrons vacating the premises if the extended hours were granted and windows and doors would remain closed when live and recorded music was playing, which would take place in the restaurant to the rear of the premises.

RESOLVED -

1. That the application for a new Premises Licence be granted as per the details contained in the operating schedule accompanying the application and as amended, as necessary, below:

Sale of Alcohol and Refreshments

Sunday to Thursday 10:00 to 23:00

Friday to Saturday 10:00 to 00:00

Late Night Refreshments

Sunday to Thursday 23:00 to 23:30

Friday to Saturday 23:00 to 00:00

Live and Recorded Music

Friday to Saturday 10:00 to 00:00

Sunday to Thursday 10:00 to 23:00

Opening Hours

Sunday to Thursday 10:00 to 23:30

Friday to Saturday 10:00 to 00:30

(The premises to close 30 minutes after the last licensable activity, as detailed above.)

Non-Standard Hours

Christmas Eve, Boxing Day, New Year's Day and Bank Holiday weekends (Fridays, Saturdays, Sundays and Mondays) - one hour extension to the terminal hour. From the end of permitted hours on New Year's Eve to the start of permitted hours on New Year's Day.

2. That glass bottles not be disposed of in outside bins after 20:00.
3. That adequate notices be displayed regarding considerate parking if patrons are unable to use the main car park.
4. That contact details of staff management be provided for local residents to contact the premises to resolve any complaints, when required.

THE CHAIR CLOSED THE MEETING AT 9:33 PM