

Minutes of the LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE held on WEDNESDAY 3 MAY 2017
at 10.12 am

Present: Councillor Morris (Chair)
Councillors Miles and Wallis

Officers: L Gardner (Solicitor), S Teesdale (Licensing and Business Team Leader), E Fisher (Senior Practitioner), M Barnes (Senior Practitioner) and J Crighton (Democratic Services)

Also Present: Mr A Black (Applicant), Mr A Kellett (Applicant) and Mr R Coley (RC Sound Services)

LSC12 SUSPENSION OF COUNCIL RULE 4

RESOLVED -

That Council Procedure Rule 4 'Time and Place of Meetings' be suspended.

LSC13 APPLICATION FOR A TEMPORARY EVENT NOTICE NOTIFICATION - LITTLE LINFORD LANE, NEWPORT PAGNELL

The Sub-Committee considered an application for Temporary Event Notice notification for Little Linford Lane, Newport Pagnell, covering Saturday 1 July to Sunday 2 July 2017 between midday and 2.00 am.

The Senior Practitioner informed the Sub-Committee of the following:

- (a) the notification was for the following:
 - (i) the supply of alcohol;
 - (ii) the provision of regulated entertainment;
 - (iii) late night refreshments.
- (b) the premises was a field and the applicant had held events in this location for the past five years. The event was a private function and was by invite only;
- (c) at last year's event, complaints had been received regarding noise disturbance specifically from residents of Redhouse Park. The Senior Practitioner, the officer on duty for the Out of Hours service, had visited the event and had spoken to a gentleman who had confirmed that Thames Valley Police had visited the site earlier and music volumes had been reduced but if any further complaints were lodged for the officer to call him and the volume would then be further reduced;

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- (d) following complaints from residents of Haversham and Newport Pagnell, he had visited these areas and confirmed that the event was not causing a public nuisance;
- (e) however, in the early hours of Sunday 28 August 2016, he had responded to a complaint received from a resident in Redhouse Park. He confirmed he had heard a faint 'rave type' noise from the direction of the event. He had visited the site again and was assured that the noise levels would be reduced further; and
- (f) where a Temporary Event Notice notification was submitted, Thames Valley Police and / or Environmental Health were the only bodies permitted to object. In the case of this notification, Environmental Health had objected on the grounds of public nuisance. Thames Valley Police had not objected but had wished for noise restrictions to be put in place.

Mr Andy Black, the applicant, informed the Sub-Committee of the following:

- (a) the event was by invite only;
- (b) he had been running the event for the last five years and there had been no anti-social behaviour;
- (c) he admitted that the volume of music was loud the previous year and had not appreciated the impact it had had on local residents;
- (d) he would monitor noise levels produced at source and to ensure these levels were not exceeded, taking into consideration ambient noise levels during the event;
- (e) he would pay particular attention to Redhouse Park when monitoring off-site levels;
- (f) he would position the marquee away from the area of Redhouse Park;
- (g) he would position the speakers inside the marquee inwards towards the M1 motorway;
- (h) he would intend to reduce the noise levels on-site at 10.00 pm to account for the reduction in ambient noise levels and again at midnight to a very low subtle on-site level until 2.00 am;
- (i) the PA company, RC Sound Systems, had been fully briefed on the requirements and expectations and would ensure noise levels were adhered to. This would be achieved by regular on-site and off-site monitoring and liaising between the sound engineer and party organisers; and

- (j) if noise complaints were received, he would provide direct telephone numbers for complainants and, if necessary, would provide silent DJ headphones for partygoers.

The representation against the application related to noise nuisance but the applicant had provided detailed measures for the management of amplified noise.

RESOLVED -

That, on the basis of the assurances received and noted below by the Sub-Committee, it was resolved that a Counter Notice should not be issued for the Temporary Event Notice notification:

1. That the event was for invitees only.
2. That the sound system and marquee set up be positioned away from Redhouse Park.
3. That direct telephone numbers be provided if complaints arose.
4. That, if complaints were received, the applicant cease the use of music or instigate a 'silent' disco.

THE CHAIR CLOSED THE MEETING AT 11.03 AM

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