



Minutes of the LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE held on MONDAY 27 JUNE 2016 at 3.30 pm

Present: Councillor Morris (Chair)
Councillors Exon and Wallis

Officers: J Hosker (Solicitor), E Fisher (Senior Practitioner) and J Crighton (Democratic Services)

Also Present: J Wallsgrove (Blake Morgan Solicitors LLP), D Barlow (Head of Operations [Bletchley Park]), T Blackmore (Aramark Catering) and W Malins (member of the public)

LSC01 SUSPENSION OF COUNCIL RULE 4

RESOLVED -

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

LSC02 APPLICATION FOR A NEW PREMISES LICENCE FOR BLETCHLEY PARK TRUST FOR BLETCHLEY PARK, SHERWOOD DRIVE, BLETCHLEY

The Sub-Committee considered an application for a new Premises Licence for Bletchley Park Trust for Bletchley Park, Sherwood Drive, Bletchley.

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

- (a) the application was for a new premises licence but there had been an existing licence in place since 2007 but it did not cover all the buildings the Trust now wished to licence, particularly the Museum shop and the adjacent café. If a new licence be granted then the existing licence would be surrendered;
- (b) the application being considered was, in fact, to reduce the licensable hours but increase the licensed areas;
- (c) the current licensed hours and areas are detailed below:
 - (i) Mansion
9.00 am to 1.00 am (3.00 am with 14 days' notice)
 - (ii) Hut 4

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- 9.00 am to 1.00 am (3.00 am with 14 days' notice)
 - (iii) Cinema
 - 9.00 am to 1.00 am (3.00 am with 14 days' notice)
 - (iv) Lawn Area
 - 9.00 am to 1.00 am (3.00 am with 14 days' notice)
 - (v) Remaining Outside Areas
 - 9.00 am to 11.00 pm (3.00 am with 14 days' notice)
- (d) the application for new licensed hours and areas are detailed below:
 - (i) Mansion
 - 9.00 am to 1.00 am
 - (ii) Hut 4
 - 9.00 am to 1.00 am
 - (iii) Cinema
 - 9.00 am to 1.00 am
 - (iv) C Block
 - 9.00 am to 1.00 am
 - (v) Lawn Area
 - 9.00 am to 11.00 pm
 - (vi) Remaining Outside Areas
 - 9.00 am to 11.00 pm
- (e) since the existing licence had been granted, the area surrounding the premises had been developed for residential use. There had not been a history of complaints or issues against the premises. There had been sixteen representations made from local residents in relation to the application which, in summary, included the following:
 - (i) noise from the use of external areas, notably until 1.00 am;
 - (ii) crime and disorder from off-sales of alcohol;
 - (iii) use of the premises as an entertainment venue rather than a Museum;
 - (iv) existing noise issues from the Mansion and Hut 4 at night, both from inside and outside use from people, music and bottle bins;
 - (v) noise from people leaving the venue late at night and also resultant litter issues; and

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- (vi) existing parking issues in residential areas and congestion preventing access for residents to their properties;
- (f) thirteen of the sixteen representations had been withdrawn after the applicant had spoken to residents directly and had assured them of any concerns they had expressed;
- (g) the applicant had provided a large operating schedule that would be converted to conditions if the licence be granted;
- (h) the applicant had agreed to a condition submitted by Thames Valley Police that plastic drinking receptacles be used at all large scale or high risk events although this was a re-imposition of a condition on the existing licence;
- (i) the applicant had also agreed to conditions submitted by the local Children's Safeguarding Board, as detailed below, which would form part of the licence, if granted:
 - (i) all persons involved in alcohol sales receive full and adequate training on the law relating to underage sales and a written record of the training each person had received should be maintained. Regular refresher training would also be given and recorded. The training records / log to be kept on site and should be provided to the Police, the Local Authority or Licensing Authority on request;
 - (ii) an effective 'Challenge 25 Policy' be implemented and maintained in place at the premises. Any persons appearing to be under the age of 25 who attempts to purchase alcohol must be challenged in respect of their age and required to provide adequate proof that they are over the age of 18 before they are sold or supplied with alcohol;
 - (iii) only photographic based forms of identification should be accepted as proof of age in respect of suspected underage sales. These must be accredited to the PASS scheme or subsequent equivalent but could also include a passport, HM Forces ID card, driving licence or national ID card; and
 - (iv) a refusal log to record all attempts to purchase alcohol that were refused shall be kept on site and all refused sales recorded. The log should be checked and countersigned by the Designated Premises Supervisor on a regular basis and should be provided to the Police, the Local Authority or Licensing Authority on request.

J Wallsgrove (Blake Morgan Solicitors LLP) informed the Sub-Committee of the following:

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- (a) the new premises licence was for the external areas within Bletchley Park;
- (b) there would be no outside activities after 11.00 pm;
- (c) the new licence would be to include C Block;
- (d) the nature and character of the venue will remain unchanged;
- (e) the Police had not received calls about excessive noise since being granted the existing licence;
- (f) they currently sell their own branded bottled ale from the Mansion and Hut 4 but the new premises licence, if granted, would permit the sale of ale from C Block; and
- (g) he had addressed the concerns of local residents;

D Barlow (Head of Operations [Bletchley Park]) informed the Sub-Committee of the following:

- (a) the overflow car park had reopened after two months;
- (b) Milton Keynes College and Holne Chase School had allowed their car parks to be used as additional parking, if required;
- (c) there was ample parking at Bletchley Train Station although you are required to Pay and Display; and
- (d) additional parking attendants are hired on event days.

W Malins, a member of the public, raised concerns about the application, namely the sale of alcohol until the early hours and anti-social behaviour.

RESOLVED -

1. That the new Premises Licence be granted with less licensable hours than the existing licence with 'C Block' now being licensed with the conditions contained within the report forming part of the licence.
2. That the good relationship they have with nearby residents be maintained and residents be reminded that they could apply for a review of the licence if Bletchley Park breached their conditions.

THE CHAIR CLOSED THE MEETING AT 4.45 PM

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