



Licensing Sub-Committee minutes

Minutes of the meeting of the Licensing Sub-Committee held on Thursday 28 April 2022 in Via MS Teams, commencing at 10.30 am and concluding at 11.39 am.

Members present

P Griffin, B Stanier Bt and A Wood

Others in attendance

L Hornby, A Thomlinson, B Whittall, K Farooqi and A Anwar

Agenda Item

1 Introductory remarks by the Chairman

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting. Members and Officers who were assisting the Members were introduced.

Also in attendance were the following:

Mr Levene
Mr Hughes
Mr Davey
Ms Clarke
Mr Savidge

2 Apologies for absence

There were none.

3 Declarations of interest

There were none.

4 Hearing Procedure Rules

All present confirmed that they had read and understood the procedure rules that applied to this hearing.

5 Pub in the Park, Higginson Park, Pound Lane, Marlow, Buckinghamshire

Members were asked to determine an application for a variation of premises licence, in respect of which relevant representations had been received. The Application had been submitted by Brand Events TM Limited, Pub in The Park ("The Applicant") in relation to Higginson Park, Marlow ("the premises").

Following a detailed discussion all parties present confirmed that they were satisfied that they had received a fair hearing and had nothing further to add. The Sub Committee retired to make its decision which can be seen in the attached decision notice.

LICENSING ACT 2003

Sections 34, 35, 36 and Sections 19, 19A 20 and 21 and Licensing Act 2003 (Hearings) Regulations 2005/44 and Licensing Act 2003 (Hearings) Amendment Regulations 2005/78

NOTIFICATION OF GRANT OF APPLICATION FOR A VARIATION OF A PREMISES LICENCE WHERE RELEVANT REPRESENTATIONS WERE MADE

PREMISES: Pub in the Park, Higginson Park, Pound Lane, Marlow, Buckinghamshire SL7 2AE

To:

The Applicant – Brand Events TM Limited
Any Persons who made Relevant Representations
The Chief Constable of Thames Valley Police

Take Notice

THAT following a hearing of the Licensing Sub-Committee

ON 28th April 2022

BUCKINGHAMSHIRE COUNCIL as the Licensing Authority for the Premises

HAS AGREED

TO GRANT A VARIATION OF A PREMISES LICENCE SUBJECT TO the mandatory and other conditions set out in Schedules 1, 2 and 3 below.

SCHEDULE 1

Mandatory Conditions

MANDATORY CONDITIONS SPECIFIED BY THE LICENSING ACT 2003

For the purposes of this schedule:

“the Act” means the Licensing Act 2003

“Disability” has the meaning given in section 6 of the Equality Act 2010

“Relevant Premises” has the meaning given in paragraphs (a) and (b) of the definition in section 159 of the Act

“Responsible Person” has the meaning given in paragraphs (a) and (b) of the definition in section 153(4) of the Act (the relevant parts of which are attached to this licence)

Section 19 of the Licensing Act 2003 – Supply of Alcohol

No supply of alcohol may be made under the premises licence –

- a. At a time when there is no designated premises supervisor in respect of the premises licence; or
- b. At a time when the designated premises supervisor does not hold a personal licence or his personal licence is suspended.

Every supply of alcohol under the premises licence must be made or authorised by a person who holds a personal licence.

MANDATORY CONDITIONS SPECIFIED BY THE LICENSING ACT 2003 (MANDATORY LICENSING CONDITIONS) ORDER 2010 AS AMENDED BY THE LICENSING ACT 2003 (MANDATORY CONDITIONS) (AMENDMENT) ORDER 2014

Mandatory Condition 1

1. The responsible person must ensure that staff on relevant premises do not carry out, arrange or participate in any irresponsible promotions in relation to the premises.
2. In this paragraph, an irresponsible promotion means any one or more of the following activities, or substantially similar activities, carried on for the purpose of encouraging the sale or supply of alcohol for consumption on the premises:-
 - a. games or other activities which require or encourage, or are designed to require or encourage, individuals to:
 - i. drink a quantity of alcohol within a time limit (other than to drink alcohol sold or supplied on the premises before the cessation of the period in which the responsible person is authorised to sell or supply alcohol), or
 - ii. drink as much alcohol as possible (whether within a time limit or otherwise);
 - b. provision of unlimited or unspecified quantities of alcohol free or for a fixed or discounted fee to the public or to a group defined by a particular characteristic in a manner which carries a significant risk of undermining a licensing objective;
 - c. provision of free or discounted alcohol or any other thing as a prize to encourage or reward the purchase and consumption of alcohol over a period of 24 hours or less in a manner which carries a significant risk of undermining a licensing objective;
 - d. selling or supplying alcohol in association with promotional posters or flyers on, or in the vicinity of, the premises which can reasonably be considered to condone, encourage or glamorise anti-social behaviour or to refer to the effects of drunkenness in any favourable manner;

- e. dispensing alcohol directly by one person into the mouth of another (other than where that person is unable to drink without assistance by reason of disability).

Mandatory Condition 2

The responsible person must ensure that free potable water is provided on request to customers where it is reasonably available.

Mandatory Condition 3

1. The premises licence holder or club premises certificate holder must ensure that an age verification policy is adopted in respect of the premises in relation to the sale or supply of alcohol.
2. The designated premises supervisor in relation to the premises licence must ensure that the supply of alcohol at the premises is carried on in accordance with the age verification policy.
3. The policy must require individuals who appear to the responsible person to be under 18 years of age (or older age as may be specified in the policy) to produce on request, before being served with alcohol, identification bearing their photograph, date of birth and either:-
 - a. a holographic mark, or
 - b. an ultraviolet feature.

Mandatory Condition 4

The responsible person must ensure that:-

- a. where any of the following alcoholic drinks is sold or supplied for consumption on the premises (other than alcoholic drinks sold or supplied having been made up in advance ready for sale or supply in a securely closed container) it is available to customers in the following measures:-
 - i. beer or cider: ½ pint;
 - ii. gin, rum, vodka or whiskey: 25 ml or 35 ml; and
 - iii. still wine in a glass: 125 ml
- b. these measures are displayed in a menu, price list or other printed material which is available to customers on the premises; and
- c. where a customer does not in relation to a sale of alcohol specify the quantity of alcohol to be sold, the customer is made aware that these measures are available.

MANDATORY CONDITIONS SPECIFIED BY THE LICENSING ACT 2003 (MANDATORY CONDITIONS) ORDER 2014

Mandatory Condition 5

1. A relevant person shall ensure that no alcohol is sold or supplied for consumption on or off the premises for a price which is less than the permitted price.
2. For the purposes of the condition set out in paragraph 1:-
 - a. "duty" is to be construed in accordance with the Alcoholic Liquor Duties Act 1979;
 - b. "permitted price" is the price found by applying the formula –
$$P=D + (DxV)$$
where
 - i. P is the permitted price;
 - ii. D is the amount of duty chargeable in relation to the alcohol as if the duty charged on the date of the sale or supply of the alcohol, and
 - iii. V is the rate of value added tax chargeable in relation to the alcohol as if the value added tax were charged on the date of the sale or supply of the alcohol;
 - c. "relevant person" means, in relation to premises in respect of which there is in force a premises licence:-
 - i. the holder of the premises licence,
 - ii. the designated premises supervisor (if any) in respect of such a licence, or
 - iii. the personal licence holder who makes or authorises a supply of alcohol under such a licence;
 - d. "relevant person" means, in relation to premises in respect of which there is in force a club premises certificate, any member or officer of the club present on the premises in a capacity which enables the member or officer to prevent the supply in question; and
 - e. "value added tax" means value added tax charged in accordance with the Value Added Tax Act 1994.
3. Where the permitted price given by Paragraph (b) of paragraph (2) would (apart from this paragraph) not be a whole number of pennies, the price given by that sub-paragraph shall be taken to be the price actually given by that sub-paragraph rounded up to the nearest penny.
4. (1) Sub-paragraph (2) applies where the permitted price given by Paragraph (b) of paragraph 2 on a day ("the first day") would be different from the permitted price on the next day ("the second day") as a result of a change to the rate of duty or value added tax

(2) The permitted price which would apply on the first day applies to sales or supplies of alcohol which take place before the expiry of the period of 14 days beginning on the second day.

Mandatory Condition – section 20 of the Licensing Act 2003 – Exhibition of Film

The admittance of persons to an exhibition of a film (including the exhibition of adverts) is to be restricted in accordance with recommendations given either by the body designated under section 4 of the Video Recordings Act 1984 specified on this licence, or by the Licensing Authority itself where the Licensing Authority provides notice to the holder that section 20(3)(b) applies to the film in question. In this case the admission of persons must be restricted in accordance with any recommendation made by the Licensing Authority. For the purposes of this licence the body designated under section 4 of the Video Recordings Act 1984 is the British Board of Films Classification (BBFC).

Mandatory Condition – Section 21 of the Licensing Act 2003 – Door Supervision

Where a premises licence includes a condition that at specified times one or more individuals must be at the premises to carry out a security activity, the licence must include a condition that each such individual must–

(a) be authorised to carry out that activity by a licence granted under the Private Security Industry Act 2001; or

(b) be entitled to carry out that activity by virtue of section 4 of that Act.

SCHEDULE 2

Conditions consistent with the Operating Schedule submitted by the Applicant - all other permitted licensable activities to remain as per current licence

None.

SCHEDULE 3

Conditions necessary to promote the Licensing objectives and agreed in response to the representations made

General

The premises licence holder will ensure that the total capacity on site shall not exceed 7,999 and will provide upon request from an officer of a Relevant Authority, a log (hard copy and/or electronic) that show the maximum number of persons on site at any one time.

SCHEDULE 4

Plans

The plan of the licensable area is amended in accordance with the plan dated 9th March 2022 a copy of which is attached to this decision notice.

Reasons for the Panel's Decision

In reaching their decision the Panel carefully considered the written representations and oral submissions from Interested Parties together with oral submissions from the Applicant and their representative made at the hearing.

The Panel were sympathetic to the objections raised by the Interested Parties in relation to the licensing objective of public nuisance, however the Panel noted that the Police, as the experts in the prevention of crime and disorder and the Environmental Health Authority, as the experts in the prevention of public nuisance in respect of noise complaints had raised no objection to the application.

The Panel noted that the Applicant had consulted with the Local Safety Advisory Group (as recommended in paragraph 3.64 the Council's Licensing Policy) and addressed any potential issues which might arise, as a result of the increased capacity being applied for, within its Event Management Plan.

The Panel took account of the relevant provisions of the Human Rights Act 1998, namely:

- Article 6 – the right to a fair hearing
- Article 8 – respect for private and family life
- Article 1, First Protocol – peaceful enjoyment of possessions.

In all the circumstances, the Panel noted that the Applicant in their organization of the event and their representations to the Panel were very professional and that in allowing the variation to the premises licence the Applicant would promote the four licensing objectives of prevention of crime and disorder, the prevention of public nuisance, the protection of children from harm and public safety.

Any Party aggrieved by the Decision given in this Notice may make a written Appeal within 21 days to the Clerk to the Justices, Wycombe and Beaconsfield Magistrates Court, Milton Keynes Magistrates Court, 301 Silbury Boulevard, Milton Keynes, Buckinghamshire MK9 2AJ.



Clerk to the Licensing Sub-Committee

Date: 3rd May 2022

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