



Licensing Sub-Committee minutes

Minutes of the meeting of the Licensing Sub-Committee held on Thursday 16 November 2023 in Via Video Conference, commencing at 10.32 am and concluding at 11.58 am.

Members present

P Gomm, T Green and D Town

Others in attendance

K Ashton, L Hornby and A Thomlinson

Agenda Item

1 Introductory remarks by the Chairman

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

Also in attendance were the following:

Mrs E Griffin
Mr K Hutchinson
Mr A Godman
Parish Councillor F Wakefield
Mr T Flynn
Mr A Dugard
Mr K Izod

2 Apologies for absence

There were none.

3 Declarations of interest

Councillor P Gomm declared an interest due to being the local Ward Councillor and knows of the site and knew of the owners but did not know them personally.

4 Hearing Procedure Rules

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

5 New Bury Farm, Mill Road, Slapton, Leighton Buzzard, LU7 9BT

Members were asked to determine a review submitted by Buffalo Lodge Retreat Ltd,

Buffalo House, Mill Road, Slapton, Leighton Buzzard, LU7 9BT (“the applicant”) in respect of a licence at New Bury Farm, Mill Lane, Slapton, Leighton Buzzard, LU7 9BT (“the premises”).

Following detailed discussions all parties present confirmed that they were satisfied 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 51 & 52 Licensing Act 2003 and Licensing Act 2003 (Hearings) Regulations 2005/44 and Licensing Act 2003 (Hearings) Amendment Regulations 2005/78.

NOTIFICATION OF DECISION FOLLOWING REVIEW OF A PREMISES LICENCE WHERE A VALID APPLICATION FOR REVIEW HAS BEEN MADE

PREMISES: New Bury Farm, Mill Lane, Slapton, LU7 9BT.

To:

The Applicant
The Premises Licence Holder
Any Persons who made Relevant Representations
The Chief Constable of Thames Valley Police

Take Notice

THAT following a review hearing of the Licensing Sub-Committee

ON 16th November 2023

BUCKINGHAMSHIRE COUNCIL as the Licensing Authority for the Premises

RESOLVED TO TAKE NO FURTHER ACTION

SCHEDULE 1

Mandatory Conditions contained on an existing Premises Licence

SCHEDULE 2

Conditions contained on existing Premises Licence

SCHEDULE 3

Conditions contained on existing Premises Licence

Reasons for the Panel's Decision

In reaching their decision the Panel carefully considered the written representations from the Applicant, Parties who made Relevant Representations and the Premises Licence Holder together with oral submissions made at the hearing.

In making their decision, the Panel also took into account the legislation, the relevant parts of the statutory guidance and the Council's own licensing policy as set out in the report from the Licensing Officer.

The Panel also took into account 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.

The Panel did not take account of issues raised in the application relating to the disputed ownership of the access road or issues relating to planning matters which were not relevant to the licensing objectives of the prevention of public nuisance, the prevention of crime and disorder, public safety and the protection of children from harm.

The Panel noted that concerns raised by the Applicant regarding events held at the premises, namely Bury Farm Festival (15-16 July 2023) and Fields of Thunder (21-23 July 2023) in relation to the licensing objective of public nuisance arising from the late rerouting of traffic and noise disturbance. However, the Panel noted that officers from the Environmental Health Protection Team and the Licensing Authority, who had attended the premises during these events found no evidence of breach of the licence conditions. In addition, the Panel noted that these concerns were addressed at a meeting of the Safety Advisory Group (SAG) on 30th August 2023 which representatives from the premises licence holder attended and the outcome of which was reported to the Applicant and the Premises Licence Holder.

The Panel noted the representations from a Person who made Relevant Representations regarding the imposition of further conditions on the licence but felt that these were matters which could be addressed as part of the current premises licence condition relating to the contents of the Event Management Plan.

The Panel considered that in all the circumstances, the existing conditions were sufficient to promote the licensing objectives of the prevention of public nuisance, the prevention of crime and disorder, public safety and the protection of children from harm.

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: 21st November 2023