

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE  
LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE HELD IN  
THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, WALLFIELDS,  
HERTFORD ON FRIDAY 12 SEPTEMBER  
2014, AT 10.00 AM

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PRESENT: Councillor Alan Warman (Chairman).  
Councillors E Bedford and G Cutting.

ALSO PRESENT:

Councillors P Ruffles and P Moore.

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Lorraine Blackburn	- Democratic Services Officer
Robin Clark	- Enforcement Manager
George Robertson	- Legal Services Manager
Steve Wilson	- Environmental Health Officer

11 APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN

It was moved by Councillor E Bedford and seconded by Councillor G Cutting that Councillor A Warman be appointed Chairman for the Licensing Sub-Committee for the meeting.

RESOLVED – that Councillor A Warman be appointed Chairman of the Licensing Sub-Committee for the meeting.

12 APPLICATION BY JUNGLE BAR LTD FOR A VARIATION OF A PREMISES LICENCE AT JUNGLE BAR, 117 FORE STREET HERTFORD, SG14 1AX

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The Chairman outlined the procedure to be followed. All those present were introduced.

The Licensing Officer advised the Sub-Committee of the details of the application. The Licensing Officer explained that the Police had suggested a condition regarding “no new entry after midnight”. The Licensing Sub-Committee considered how this condition would affect those patrons who had stepped outside for a cigarette. Ms Adams and Mr Owen, the owners of the bar, accepted the condition and suggested some form of hand stamp for those leaving the bar for a cigarette.

The Environmental Health Officer advised that if the bar wanted to keep their doors and windows open through the day this was reasonable, if only low level background music from a CD or from the radio was playing but that windows and doors must be kept shut for live music or loud recorded music. Ms Adams stated that it was important for the bar to look open and welcoming through the day to boost trade and add to the viability of the business. She stated that the bar had held 17 Temporary Events over the last year remaining open until 1.30/2 am and there had been no complaints. This was confirmed by the Environmental Health Officer.

In response to a query from Councillor G Cutting regarding how the bar would control the exit and entrance, in terms of complying with the proposed recommendation by the Police, the applicant stated that their regular SIA Door Staff were very good at remembering faces and would know who was trying to gain admittance after midnight.

Ms Adams explained that customers dispersed naturally at the end of the evening but this was monitored. She referred to the structure of the building and its ability to absorb sound. In response to a query from Councillor E Bedford regarding the 17 temporary events, Ms Adams confirmed that on every occasion, the doors and windows had been kept closed.

In response to a query from Councillor G Cutting, the

applicant explained that all debris, such as rubbish and cigarette ends, was cleared up at the end of each evening.

The Environmental Health Officer reminded Members about the Live Music Act 2012 which had deregulated control to local authorities.

In response to a query from Councillor G Cutting regarding public safety and the use of CCTV, the applicant explained that SIA door staff had radios which allowed them to keep in touch with any potential problems happening locally.

Ms Adams explained why, as owners, they had requested an amendment to the condition relating to the number of smokers allowed outside to smoke on any evening, stating that on one evening, there had been 11 smokers and a resident had called the Police. The owners were therefore requesting an increase from 10 to 15. The Sub-Committee considered how best to ensure re-entry into the bar which did not breach the condition required by the Police, who did not want any new customers after midnight. It was suggested that customers' hands be stamped appropriately to secure re-entry.

At the conclusion of the representations, the Sub-Committee withdrew with the Legal Services Manager and Democratic Services Officer to consider the evidence.

Following this they returned and at the request of the Chairman, the Democratic Services Officer announced that the Sub-Committee had carefully considered the representations made and agreed to the variations as proposed. Subject to the following, the Sub-Committee agreed:

- (1) The removal of Clause 11 of Annexe 2 Conditions:  
and
- (2) Amendment of Clause 22 of Annexe 2 to read:

“All doors and windows shall be kept closed during the playing of live and recorded music except for the immediate access and egress of patrons”.

(For the avoidance of doubt this was not intended to apply to low level background music).

The Sub-Committee also added:

“Last entry to the premises is 12 midnight and that this be managed and enforced by SIA’s and the Premises Manager”.

The Sub-Committee endorsed a recommendation from the Police for a condition regarding no new customers after midnight and for those customers wishing to smoke, their re-entry needed to be permitted by evidence of an appropriate entry/exit hand stamp.

Finally, the Sub-Committee felt that the condition relation to “no more than 10 customers being allowed outside to smoke at any time” should remain unchanged.

The Sub-Committee congratulated the applicants on their successful management of 17 Temporary Events and wished them continued success in their operation.

RESOLVED – that the licence be varied as per the application, subject to the following:

(A) the removal of Clause 11 of Annexe 2 Conditions;

(B) the amendment of Clause 22 of Annexe 2 to read:

“All doors and windows shall be kept closed during the playing of live and recorded music except for the immediate access and egress off patrons”.

(For the avoidance of doubt, this was not intended

to apply to low level background music).

(C) last entry to the premises is 12 midnight and that this be managed and enforced by SIA's and the Premises Manager;

(D) no new customers be allowed entry after midnight and for those customers wishing to smoke, their re-entry be permitted by evidence of an appropriate entry/exit hand stamp; and

(E) the condition relating to no more than 10 customers being allowed outside to smoke at any time should remain unchanged.

The meeting closed at 11.10 am

Chairman .....
Date .....