

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE
LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE HELD IN THE
COUNCIL CHAMBER, WALLFIELDS,
HERTFORD ON TUESDAY 6 JUNE 2023, AT
10.00 AM

PRESENT: Councillor M Connolly (Chairman)
Councillors S Bull and D Willcocks

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Michele Aves	- Democratic Services Officer
Peter Mannings	- Democratic Services Officer
Dimple Roopchand	- Litigation and Advisory Lawyer
Brad Wheeler	- Senior Licensing and Enforcement Officer

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE

Mr Jim Angell	- Applicant
Mr Steve Birch	- Designated Premises Supervisor (DPS)
Karen Ives	- Estate Manager (Local Resident)
Mr Liam O'Hare	- Applicant's Agent

It was moved by Councillor Willcocks and seconded by Councillor Bull, that Councillor Connolly be appointed Chairman for the meeting. After being put to the meeting and a vote taken, the motion was declared CARRIED.

RESOLVED – that Councillor Connolly be appointed Chairman for the meeting.

10 APOLOGIES

There were no apologies for absence.

11 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no Chairman's Announcements. Councillor Connolly reminded all participants to use their microphones as the meeting was being webcasted.

12 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

13 SUMMARY OF PROCEDURE

The Chairman drew the hearings attention to the Summary of Procedure which was included in the agenda pack at pages 5 – 11.

14 APPLICATION FOR A NEW PREMISES LICENCE FOR CAMPO SANCHO, WALKERN HALL, CLAY END ROAD, WALKERN, HERTFORDSHIRE, SG2 7HZ (23/0511/PL)

The Sub-Committee received a report on the application for a New Premises Licence for Campo Sancho, Walkern Hill, Clay End Road, Walkern, Hertfordshire, SG2 7HZ (23/0511/PL).

The Senior Licensing and Enforcement Officer presented the report and summarised the application. Members of the Sub-Committee and the applicant asked questions. The applicant's agent and the applicant presented the application and they answered questions from the Sub-Committee.

In line with procedure, at the conclusion of the closing submissions, the Sub-Committee retired to consider the evidence presented to the hearing by the applicant's agent and the applicant. They were accompanied by the Democratic Services Officer and the Litigation and Advisory Lawyer.

The Sub-Committee reconvened in public session to give its decision. The Chairman said that the Sub-Committee have considered the application for a premises licence for Campo Sancho Limited, Walkern Hall, Clay End Road, Walkern, Hertfordshire, SG2 7HZ (23/0511/PL). Members had read and listened to the comments of the Senior Licensing and Enforcement Officer, the Applicant, and the written representation from the Interested party.

In determining this matter, the Sub-Committee have decided to grant the application for an annual festival consisting of four consecutive days (Thursday to Sunday) with a maximum capacity of:

- a) 1250 persons in 2023
- b) 1350 persons in 2024
- c) 1500 persons in 2025

For the following licensable activities:

- (i) Plays, Films, Live Music, Performance of Dance
(Indoors and Outdoors)
Friday – Sunday 12:00 - 00:00*

*Live music times are weather dependent, If the weather and forecast are good live music will be performed outside, if poor then this will be performed inside. If outside live music will stop at 21:00. If indoors live music will stop at 00:00

- (ii) Recorded music (Indoors and Outdoors)
Thursday 18:00 – 23:00*
Friday 12:00 – 03:00*
Saturday 12:00 – 04:00*
Sunday 12:00 – 00:00*

*Recorded music is described as 'background' and from 21:00 recorded music is proposed to be performed inside only

- (iii) Late night refreshments (Outdoors)
Friday 23:00 – 03:00
Saturday 23:00 – 04:00
Sunday 23:00 – 00:00

- (iv) The supply of alcohol (for consumption on the premises)
Thursday 18:00 – 23:00

Friday	10:00 – 03:00
Saturday	10:00 – 04:00
Sunday	11:00 – 23:50

Premises open to the public

Thursday	18:00 – 23:00
Friday	10:00 – 03:00
Saturday	10:00 – 04:00
Sunday	10:00 – 00:00

And subject to the conditions agreed between the Applicant and Hertfordshire Constabulary, Hertfordshire County Council's Public Health and Trading Standards and Environmental Health noting the amendment to condition 10 which shall now read:

A telephone number shall be designated for complaints and must be active throughout the event in case of noise disturbance. This should be in the hands of a nominated person who will answer. The telephone number shall be made available 7 days before the event, provided to Environmental Health and published clearly on the front page of the event website. The telephone number shall be made available to Benington Parish Council 14 days before the event.

A copy should also be affixed to the entrance to the event and should anyone not have access to the event website. The telephone number for noise complaints and any future public consultation notices will be posted on the fence on the side of the event site facing Walkern Hall where a bridleway from Benington runs alongside.

In coming to its decision, the Sub-Committee is mindful to strike a healthy balance between residents' interests and supporting the local economy. Members were mindful of the concern addressed by the Interested party. However, due to the non-attendance of the Interested Party, Members were unable to verify whether the complaint requesting the event to finish at midnight related to noise concerns attributed to the music or another source. Mindful of the Applicant's willingness to monitor noise levels at points surrounding the festival site throughout the duration of the event to include the vicinity of the Interested Party and the conditions agreed between the Applicant and Environmental Health, Members were satisfied that the Licensing objectives could be met.

Members are mindful that the conditions agreed with Police and Environmental Health and those offered within the operating schedule are appropriate to promote the licensing objectives and will address many of the representation received.

This decision will be sent to you in writing and there is the right of appeal within 21 days to the magistrate's court.

RESOLVED – that the application for a New Premises Licence for a new premises licence for Campo Sancho, Walkern Hall, Clay End Road, Walkern, Hertfordshire, SG2 7HZ (23/0511/PL), be granted.

There was no urgent business.

The meeting closed at 12.35 pm

Chairman

Date