

Coventry City Council
Minutes of the Meeting of Licensing and Regulatory Sub-Committee (Hearing)
held at 10.00 am on Thursday, 10 September 2015

Present:

Members: Councillor D Galliers (Chair)
 Councillor G Crookes
 Councillor J Mutton

Employees (by Directorate):

Place: R Masih

Resources: D Joy
 G Paddan

In Attendance

P Downey – Club President (Applicant)
K Kennedy – Interested Party (Representor)
A R Wood – Club Secretary (Applicant)

Public Business

1. Appointment of Chair

RESOLVED that Councillor Galliers be elected as Chair for this meeting.

2. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

3. Licensing Act 2003 - Application for a new Premises Licence

The Sub-Committee considered an application for a new premises Licence in respect of Coundon Social Club Limited, 124 Shorncliffe Road Coventry. The application sought the sale of alcohol, regulated entertainment and late night refreshment:

Alcohol – Sunday – Friday 11.00-00.00(midnight), Saturday 10.30-00.00

Regulated Entertainment – Monday – Sunday 11.00 – 00.00

Late Night Refreshment – Monday – Sunday 23.00-00.00 (midnight)

The Sub-Committee considered that the Club representatives and the Representor had all given honest and credible evidence. The Applicant had modified the previous application. The current application was for licensable activities from 11000 am until 12 mighnight. The purpose of the application was for commercial reasons, namely, to allow the Club to increase it's customer base and to increase the number of events held at the premises.

The Club had responded to the reported out of hours nuisance by locking the car park access gate after the last person had left the premises thus helping to prevent unauthorised persons accessing the car park after closing time.

There was no reported nuisance or other issues from inside the premises. The reported problems were primarily from the late night nuisance particularly at the main entrance; problems of patrons of the premises drinking and smoking late at night in the area around the main entrance to the premises and other occasional incidents of crime and disorder and public nuisance had been reported. The Sub-Committee noted that the Council's Environmental Health Team had proposed conditions to meet their concerns which had been agreed by the Applicant.

The Applicant had acknowledged that non-member events had sometimes been the cause of nuisance and anti-social behaviour problems at the premise.

During the hearing a number of potential conditions were considered and the Applicant had responded to suggested conditions in a positive manner.

The Applicant confirmed that late night refreshments would only be provided on the premises.

The Sub-Committee heard from the evidence provided that lines of communication between the Club and local residents could be improved. The Club was content to identify the secretary as single point of contact for residents to contact to deal with any issues as they arise and to invite local residents to a quarterly meeting to discuss any issues.

If a premises licence was granted the Applicant proposed to retain the current Club Premises Certificate for the present time as some parts of the Club would continue to operate as a member's club. The Applicant agreed that if a premises licence was granted the Club Premises Certificate would be subject to the conditions (insofar as they are relevant) imposed on the premises licence and the Club Premises Certificate would be amended accordingly.

RESOLVED that the premises licence (in respect of the area identified on the attached plan edged in black) be granted subject to:

- 1. CCTV to operate at the premises to the agreed standard of West Midlands Police. Images are to be retained for a minimum of 28 days and are to be made available at the request of any responsible authority.**
- 2. A refusal/incident book must be maintained at the premises.**
- 3. Challenge 25 to operate at the premises.**
- 4. A minimum of 1 door supervisor must be employed at the premises for the duration of any non-member events involving licensable activities.**
- 5. The gate to the premises car park must be closed after the last person leaves the premises and to remain closed until the premises re-open.**
- 6. All persons working at the premises must receive training in basic licensing law with refresher training every 6 months. The training**

provided must include the licensing objectives and awareness of the licence conditions for the premises and the context in which they were added to the licence.

- 7. Customers and persons working at the premises who wish to smoke must use the designated smoking area (area A on the attached plan)**
- 8. Taxis/private hire vehicles attending at the premises must only use the designated pick up point (area B on the attached plan)**
- 9. There must be no consumption of alcohol or smoking in area C on the attached plan**
- 10. Late night refreshment is only permitted on the premises**
- 11. The Club Secretary will act as a single point of contact for local residents who wish to raise issues of concern with the Club.**
- 12. The Club will invite local residents (to include the occupiers of numbers 98-148 [even numbers] Shorncliffe Road, Coundon, Coventry to a quarterly meeting at the premises to discuss any issues of concern arising from the use of the premises.**

By agreement with the Applicant the above conditions shall be attached to the Club Premises Certificate for Coundon Social Club.

4. Any Other Business

There were no additional items of public business.

PLAN RELATING TO DECISION NOTICE (NOTICE DATED 16/9/15 - HEARING 10/9/15)

APPLICATION FOR PREMISES LICENCE

COUNDON SOCIAL CLUB

