

DECISION NOTICE

Licensing Sub Committee

Decision made on 16 May 2022

Application for Classification of Films

Ignite Film Festival Marlborough 28 June to 1 July 2022

Councillors:

Cllr Steve Bucknell, Cllr Trevor Carbin and Cllr Kevin Daley (Chair)

Decision:

The Licensing Sub Committee resolved that in relation to the film, "Birdwatching", to grant the film a **PG** classification for any public viewing in Wiltshire.

Reasons:

The Sub Committee agreed that the content should be subject to a **PG** parental guidance classification. They noted that the film, which was an experimental drama, contained only a very mild sexual reference. The references to death were mild and discreet.

Decision:

The Licensing Sub Committee resolved that in relation to the film, "The Fuzzies", to grant the film a **12a** classification for any public viewing in Wiltshire.

Reasons:

The Sub Committee agreed that the content should be subject to a **12a** parental guidance classification. They noted that the film contained moderate physical psychological threat sequences. However, as the film was in the horror comedy genre, the violence was mitigated by the fantasy and comedic setting. The film was felt to warrant higher than a PG rating due to a scene including attempted asphyxiation by use of a towel. Horror scenes, or situations where characters are in danger, should not be prolonged or intense for a PG rating.

Decision:

The Licensing Sub Committee resolved that in relation to the film, "2020", to grant the film a **U** classification for any public viewing in Wiltshire.

Reasons:

The Sub Committee unanimously agreed that the content should be subject to a **U** parental guidance classification. They concluded that the short experimental film did not contain any contentious material and was set within a positive framework.

Decision:

The Licensing Sub Committee resolved that in relation to the film, "The Curious Case of the Boy Jones", to grant the film a **U** classification for any public viewing in Wiltshire.

Reasons:

The Sub Committee agreed that the content should be subject to a **U** classification. They noted that the animated documentary contained only very mild references to violence. Any images of blood were felt to be mitigated by the animated context and educational and historical nature of the film.

Decision:

The Licensing Sub Committee resolved that in relation to the film, "12 o'clock", to grant the film a **15** classification for any public viewing in Wiltshire.

Reasons:

The Sub Committee agreed that the content should be subject to a **15** parental guidance classification. They noted that the foreign language film included dangerous behaviour including a number of explicit references to suicide. Different potential methods of committing suicide were depicted including carbon monoxide poisoning and potential drug taking concerning a child which were not felt to be appropriate for an audience below the age of 15.

Decision:

The Licensing Sub Committee resolved that in relation to the film, "The Dream", to grant the film a **U** classification for any public viewing in Wiltshire.

Reasons:

The Sub Committee agreed that the content should be subject to a **U** parental guidance classification. They noted that the film, which was a short animation, did not contain any contentious material and was set in a positive framework.

Decision:

The Licensing Sub Committee resolved that in relation to the film, "Page Turner", to grant the film a **U** classification for any public viewing in Wiltshire.

Reasons:

The Sub Committee agreed that the content should be subject to a **U** parental guidance classification. They noted that the film, which was a short documentary, did not contain any contentious material, such as violence, threat or horror.

Decision:

The Licensing Sub Committee resolved that in relation to the film, "Finding Tyler", to grant the film a **U** classification for any public viewing in Wiltshire.

Reasons:

The Sub Committee unanimously agreed that the content should be subject to a **U** parental guidance classification. They noted that the film, which was a true crime drama

(documentary style), contained scenes of criminal damage and mild references to death but these were appropriately contextualised.

Decision:

The Licensing Sub Committee resolved that in relation to the film, “This is Zoe”, to grant the film a **15** classification for any public viewing in Wiltshire.

Reasons:

The Sub Committee unanimously agreed that the content should be subject to a **15** parental guidance classification. They noted that the film, which was a coming-of-age drama, contained several instances of bad language, as well as drug taking. As bad language was used frequently and in an aggressive manner with implied references to psychological violence the film was judged to need a rating higher than 12. However, the Sub Committee felt that the film promoted a positive overall message.

Decision:

The Licensing Sub Committee resolved that in relation to the film, “The Soloists”, to grant the film a **PG** classification for any public viewing in Wiltshire.

Reasons:

The Sub Committee unanimously agreed that the content should be subject to a **PG** parental guidance classification. They noted that the film, which was an animation, contained some moderate levels of potentially offensive language as well as numerous depictions of death. As depictions of death were in an animated and comedic context, they were considered appropriate for a PG rating. Bad language was not felt to be aggressive or frequent. There was no glamorisation of weapons such as guns, nor any focus on anti-social behaviour.

Decision:

The Licensing Sub Committee resolved that in relation to the film, “DASH”, to grant the film a **12** classification for any public viewing in Wiltshire.

Reasons:

The Sub Committee agreed that the content should be subject to a **12** parental guidance classification. They noted that the film, in the social realism genre, contained an instance of bad language as well as moderate reference to sexual activity. There was also a reference to the possible euthanasia of a horse. The bad language in the film was deemed to be appropriate for a 12-rating due to infrequent use.

Decision:

The Licensing Sub Committee resolved that in relation to the film, “In The Event of My Death”, to grant the film a **PG** classification for any public viewing in Wiltshire.

Reasons:

The Sub Committee unanimously agreed that the content should be subject to a **PG** parental guidance classification. They noted that the film, which was a comedy drama, contained only brief and mild sexual references. References to death were also felt to be appropriate for a PG rating as they were set in a humorous and appropriate context.

In reaching its decisions the Sub Committee also took into account the relevant provisions of the Licensing Act 2003, the Council's agreed procedure for the classification of films which was approved in September 2019 and the British Board of Film Classifications current guidelines .