



Northern Area Committee

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REPORT

RIGGSY'S NIGHTCLUB/KINGS ARMS RENEWAL OF PUBLIC ENTERTAINMENT LICENCE

1. Introduction

- 1.1 Riggsy's Nightclub/Kings Arms is situated at 7 Church Street Amesbury. It is a large public house (Kings Arms) with a purpose built nightclub (Riggsy's) at the rear.

A plan of the area is attached [as Annex A.](#)

- 1.2 Mr Terence Graham Riggs holds the Public Entertainment Licence. Mr Riggs, his son and daughter-in-law are joint holders of the Liquor Licence.

- 1.3 The maximum occupancy of the premises is 150 for the bar of the Kings Arms and 250 for the nightclub.

- 1.4 The current days and hours of the Public Entertainment Licence are as follows :-

Kings Arms

Monday – Tuesday	1100 - 2300
Wednesday – Thursday	1100 – 0100
Friday – Saturday	1100 – 2359
Sunday	1200 – 2230

Riggsy's Nightclub

Monday – Tuesday	1100 – 2359
Wednesday – Thursday	1100 – 0100
Friday – Saturday	1100 – 0200
Sunday	1200 – 2230

2. Application

- 2.1 On 29th April 2004 the Northern Area Committee considered an application to renew the Public Entertainment Licence.

- 2.2 There was an objection from the police. They cited several anti-social instances at the premises from March 2003 to February 2004.

3. Committee Decision

- 3.1 The Committee resolved as follows:- 'That Mr Riggs' Public Entertainment Licence be renewed for a period of six months after which time it is to be reviewed again by the Northern Area Committee. The opening hours are to stay the same as at present for the six month period but the number of Doormen must be increased from two from the present requirement so that on Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday there are a minimum of six doormen.

4. Consultation

- 4.1 Police – See letter dated 21st October 2004 attached as [Annex B](#).
- 4.2 Ward Member – Councillor Westmoreland – no response.
- 4.3 Amesbury East Members
- A) Councillor Peach – no objection to renewal but with the same conditions and to consider a no entry or re entry after 2200 or 2300 hours. – see letter attached as [Annex C](#).
- B) Councillor Brown – no objection to renewal but with the same conditions and to consider a no entry or re entry after 23.59. See letter attached as [Annex C](#).
- C) Councillor Noeken – no response.
- D) Town Council – no response.
- E) Environmental Services – no response

5. Applicant's Response

- 5.1 The applicant was supplied with details of the Consultee's responses on 27th October and has responded to the effect he is content that the existing conditions continue. See letter attached as [Annex B](#).

6. Recommendation

- 6.1 That the licence be renewed for a further six months and that the licensee employees the same number of door staff as has been employed for the previous six months.
- 6.2 A condition be placed on the licence to the effect that there should be no entry or re-entry after 23.59 hours.
- 6.3 The Licensing Officer advises the Licensees of the other two late night venues in Amesbury that a similar condition as outlined in 6.2 be placed on their Public Entertainment Licences.

7. Implications

7.1	Financial	-	The applicant may appeal the Committee's decision to the Magistrates. An appeal would have costs which at present are unquantifiable.
7.2	Legal	-	The applicant has the right of appeal to the Magistrates Court.
7.3	Human Rights	-	The balance of consideration is such that the recommendation is proportional as regards the right of the applicant and any interference there may be with the rights of the Police/general public. Rights Engaged - Articles 6 and 14: Article 1 of the First protocol.
7.4	Personnel		None
7.5	Community Safety		The Report has taken into account community safety issues.
7.6	Environmental		Contained in Report.
7.7	Council's Core Values		Providing excellent service. Promoting a thriving local economy. Being environmentally conscious. Being fair and equitable.
7.8	Ward Affected		Amesbury West.