

Minutes

Meeting of : Western Area Licensing Sub-Committee
Meeting held in : The Alamein Suite, The City Hall, Salisbury
Date : Tuesday 18 December 2007
Commencing at : 10.00am

Present:

District Councillors:

Councillors E R Draper, I Curr and Mrs C A Spencer

Officers:

Mr T Bray (Democratic Services)

Mr L James (Legal & Property Services)

16. Election of Chairman:

Resolved – that Councillor Mr Draper be elected Chairman for the duration of the meeting.

17. Minutes of Previous meeting:

Resolved – that the minutes of the last ordinary meeting held on 13 December 2007 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

18. Explanation of Procedure:

The Chairman explained the procedure for the hearing for all present.

19. Declarations of Interest:

There were none

20. Wilton Club, Wilton:

Resolved – that having taken into consideration the representations made in writing and at the hearing, and the licensing objectives stated in the Licensing Act 2003, with the guidance issued under section 182 (as of 28th June 2007), along with the Council's Statement of Licensing Policy, the Sub-committee resolved to:

Grant the application with the following conditions, for the following reasons:



Awarded in:
Housing Services
Waste and Recycling Services



Reasons:

The reasons for this decision are:

The Sub-Committee has heard evidence from the applicant Mr Richard Casley that the purpose of the application was to give its members the opportunity to continue to drink after 11pm as they requested. The applicant stated that at present its members must leave at 11pm and go to other drinking establishments in the immediate area that hold extended licenses. The Sub-Committee had heard evidence that there are several premises providing late night refreshments and public houses in the vicinity contributing to noise nuisance.

The Sub-Committee were concerned about the representations made in writing opposed to the application. These allege problems of noise and disorder relating to members of the club drinking and smoking outside the front of the club and also causing noise when leaving at the front of the premises. The Sub-Committee considered it necessary that a member of staff be nominated to monitor noise inside and outside of the premises and signs should be displayed to inform members of the nominated member of staff, described in the conditions below. The Sub-Committee also noted that the applicant does not allow drinking in the car park outside after 10pm.

Mr Casley informed the Sub-Committee that the club has an effective noise limiter that has been checked and approved by Salisbury District Council's Environmental Health Unit. The Sub-Committee considered that this measure, along with the conditions outlined below would be sufficient to prevent noise nuisance emanating from the premises.

The Sub-Committee was therefore satisfied that with the conditions detailed below that none of the licensing objectives would be undermined by the application:

Conditions:

1. That no drinking takes place outside the front of the premises in order to address representations made in writing about noise nuisances outside the front of the premises.
2. That no drinking takes place outside at the back of the premises after 10pm.
3. That the Committee nominate a named member of staff responsible for monitoring and enforcing all measures promoting licensing objectives inside and outside the premises for the period that they are open.
4. That signs are clearly displayed at all entrances to inform members and visitors of the nominated responsible member of staff
5. That signs are clearly displayed to instruct members and visitors not to smoke or drink outside the front of the premises, in order to address representations made in writing about noise nuisances at the front of the premises.
6. That after 11pm (and 10pm on Sunday's), all members must leave from the back entrance and not from the front in order to reduce likelihood of noise nuisance and to address representations made in writing about noise nuisances at the front of the premises.
7. That all music is to be reduced in volume to a level compatible with normal conversation 30 minutes before music is due to be turned off in order to reduce impact of noise nuisance from members and visitors leaving the premises at closing time, in order to address representations made in writing about noise nuisances at the front of the premises.

During the consideration of this matter, the Sub-Committee had regard to:

The application and the letters of objection attached to the agenda.

The representations made by Mr Casley at the hearing. There were no oral representations by any objectors at the hearing.

All parties have the right to appeal to the magistrate's court should they be dissatisfied with the decision.

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The Sub-Committee noted that keeping shut all doors and windows during hours of regulated entertainment is part of the original application.

*The meeting closed at 12:20 pm
Members of the public: 4*