#### WILTSHIRE COUNCIL

# **EASTERN AREA LICENSING SUB COMMITTEE**

#### 19 APRIL 2023

# <u>Application for a Premises Licence; The Community Centre, Winterbourne</u> <u>Monkton, Swindon, Wiltshire, SN4 9NW</u>

# 1. Purpose of Report

1.1 To determine an application for a Premises Licence in respect of The Community Centre, Winterbourne Monkton, Swindon, Wiltshire, SN4 9NW made by Winterbourne Monkton Community Centre Trustees.

# 2. Background Information

- 2.1 An application for a Premises Licence in respect of The Community Centre, Winterbourne Monkton, Swindon, Wiltshire, SN4 9NW has been made by Winterbourne Monkton Community Centre Trustees for which two relevant representations have been received.
- 2.2 Wiltshire Council (as the Licensing Authority) must hold a hearing to consider the application having regard to the representations. In accordance with Section 18 (3) of The Licensing Act 2003 the Licensing Sub Committee is required to take such of the steps listed in 2.4 below as it considers appropriate for the promotion of the licensing objectives. In considering the application and the relevant representations, the Sub Committee must also have regard to relevant Government guidance and the Council's Licensing Policy

# 2.3 The licensing objectives are:

- i) The Prevention of Crime and Disorder;
- ii) Public Safety;
- iii) The Prevention of Public Nuisance; and
- iv) The Protection of Children from Harm.

## 2.4 Such steps are:

- i) To grant the licence subject to such conditions as are consistent with those included in the operating schedule submitted with the application, modified to such extent as the Sub Committee considers appropriate for the promotion of the licensing objectives, together with any mandatory conditions required by the Licensing Act.
- ii) To exclude from the scope of the application any licensable activity.
- iii) To refuse to specify a person as the designated premises supervisor.
- iv) To reject the application.

- 2.5 On 21 February 2023 an application for a New Premises Licence was received and accepted as a valid application.
- 2.6 The application as applied for is as follows:

Licensable Activity	Timings	Days
Exhibition of films (Indoors only)	12:00 – 23:00	Everyday
Sale by retail of alcohol (ON sales only)	10:00 – 23:00	Everyday
Hours open to the public	09:00 - 23:00	Everyday

A copy of the application form is attached as **Appendix 1.** 

2.7 Premises that have either Films or ON Sales on their Premises Licence within the vicinity are:

Premises	Licensable Activity	Days and Timings
New Inn, Winterbourne Monkton,	Exhibition of films	08:00 - 23:00
Swindon, Wiltshire, SN4 9NW	(Indoors & Outdoors)	Everyday
	Sale by retail of alcohol (ON & OFF Sales)	11:30 – 01:00 Everyday

A map showing the proximity of the two premises is attached as **Appendix 2.** 

## 3. Consultation and Representations

- 3.1 The application process requires the application to be advertised, by the Applicant, in a local news publication within 10 working days, starting on the day after the authority receives it and for a public notice (on pale blue paper) to be posted on the premises. In addition, the Licensing Authority advertises the application on its website, for a period of 28 consecutive days, starting the day after the authority receives the application.
- 3.2 During the consultation period two relevant representations have been received from two local residents. No representations were received from any Responsible Authorities.

### 3.3 Representations Received

- Representation 1 Old Dairy Lane, Winterbourne Monkton
- Representation 2 Old Dairy Lane, Winterbourne Monkton

## 3.4 Responsible Authorities

No Responsible Authority has made a representation in connection with this application.

3.5 A summary of the representations made is detailed in the table below:

Representation	Licensing Objective
Representation 1	Prevention of Public Nuisance
	Prevention of Crime and Disorder
Representation 2	Prevention of Public Nuisance

3.6 The relevant representations are attached as **Appendix 3.** Attached as **Appendix 4** is a plan which shows the locations from where representations have been made.

# 4. Legal Implications

- 4.1 This hearing is governed by the Licensing Act 2003 (Hearings) Regulations. These provide that hearings should be held in public unless the Licensing Authority considers that the public interest in excluding the public outweighs the public interest in the hearing taking place in public.
- 4.2 The Applicant, and all persons who have made representations have been informed of the date, time and location of the hearing and their right to attend and be represented.
- 4.3 At the hearing all those who have made representations are entitled to address the Sub Committee and to ask questions of another party, with the consent of the Sub Committee.

#### 5. Officer Recommendations

5.1 Officers are not permitted to make a recommendation – the decision is to be reached by the members of the Licensing Sub Committee.

#### 6. Right of Appeal

- 6.1 It should be noted that the Applicant and those persons who have made representations may appeal the decision made by the Licensing Sub Committee to the Magistrates Court. The appeal must be lodged with the Magistrates Court within 21 days of the notification of the decision.
- 6.2 In the event of an appeal being lodged, the decision made by the Licensing Sub Committee remains valid until any appeal is heard and any decision made by the Magistrates Court.
- 6.3 A Responsible Authority or any person may apply to the Licensing Authority for a Review of a Premises Licence. Whether or not a Review Hearing takes place is in the discretion of the Licensing Authority, but, if requested by a person other than a Responsible Authority it will not normally be granted within the first 12 months except for the most compelling circumstances.

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# **Background Papers Used in the Preparation of this Report**

- The Licensing Act 2003
- The Licensing Act (Hearings) Regulations 2005
- Guidance issued under Section 182 of the Licensing Act 2003
- Wiltshire Council Licensing Policy

# **Appendices**

- 1 Application for a Premises Licence
- 2 Plan of licensed venues in the vicinity
- 3 Relevant representations
- 4 Plan of relevant representations