

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE 'C'  
21 MAY 2012

SUBMITTED TO THE LICENSING AND REGULATORY COMMITTEE MEETING  
27 SEPTEMBER 2012

(To be read in conjunction with the Agenda for the Meeting)

- \* Cllr Patricia Ellis
- \* Cllr Peter Isherwood
- \* Cllr Jenny Else

\* Present

Cllr Elizabeth Cable was in attendance. Cllr Richard Gates attended and spoke in support of the application.

1. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN (Agenda Item 1)

Cllr Peter Isherwood was elected Chairman for this meeting of Sub-Committee C.

2. DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS (Agenda Item 2)

No interests were declared.

**PART I – RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE COMMITTEE**

There were no matters falling within this category.

**PARTS II AND III – MATTERS OF REPORT**

Background Papers

The background papers relating to the following report in Parts II and III are as specified in the Agenda for the meeting of Licensing Sub-Committee 'A'.

**PART II – Matters reported in detail for the information of the Committee**

3. LICENSING ACT 2003 - APPLICATION FOR A NEW PREMISES LICENCE – CENTRAL DINING ROOMS, CHARTERHOUSE, GODALMING GU7 2DX (Appendix A)
  - 3.1 This hearing had been cancelled following the withdrawal of the objection to the application.
4. LICENSING ACT 2003 – APPLICATION FOR A NEW PREMISES LICENCE – ST CATHERINE'S SCHOOL, STATION ROAD, BRAMLEY, GUILDFORD GU5 0DF (Appendix B)

- 4.1 The Head of Democratic and Legal Services introduced the application and outlined the matter that the Sub-Committee was being asked to decide. He advised the meeting that the objector was unable to attend the meeting but had submitted some supplementary questions that had been tabled for the Sub-Committee and applicant.
- 4.2 The Head of Democratic and Legal Services advised the meeting that Waverley BC Environmental Health Officers had proposed Conditions to address noise issues and the applicant had confirmed that they had no objection to them being added to the licence.
- 4.3 Following a question from the Sub-Committee regarding the layout of the school campus, a large scale map was projected and the applicant identified the buildings for which the new premises licence was sought and their vicinity to the dormitories. She outlined the comprehensive security measures in place to protect pupils.
- 4.4 The applicant then outlined their application and explained that following the construction of new buildings it was the intention of the school to hold high calibre music and production events that would not only benefit the pupils but would be open to the local community. The applicant considered the school to be an integral part of the village and likened the entertainment facilities to that of a theatre where patrons would have the opportunity to purchase an alcoholic drink at the beginning and during the interval of a performance.
- 4.5 The applicant said that the school took the security and well-being of its pupils very seriously and opening the school on occasions to the public would not compromise the safety of the pupils. The school already opened its swimming facilities to local residents.
- 4.6 Following questions from the Sub-Committee the applicant said that it was proposed to hire out the Dining Hall for private events during school holidays only but it would be difficult to give an indication at present on the numbers of lettings during any one period.
- 4.7 Parking by school visitors was another issue raised by the Sub-Committee and whilst acknowledging that problems on-street in the village could occur at times, the applicant said that parking was provided within the ground, including an overspill area, and parking monitors engaged to ensure problems did not occur. The school was also looking to extend its on-site parking area.
- 4.8 Councillor Gates, the local Ward councillor and member of Bramley Parish Council, then spoke in support of the application. He said that the school was an integral part of the village community and worked with the Parish Council on such issues as parking. He supported the intention of the school to open its facilities for the benefit of the local community.
- 4.9 The Sub-Committee then turned to the supplementary questions submitted by the objector and agreed that the applicant had addressed the concerns raised regarding the security and well-being of the pupils. Although sympathetic to

the concerns raised regarding the sale of alcohol, the Sub-Committee was in agreement that it was an integral part of the type of entertainment proposed and would not compromise the safety and well-being of the pupils.

4.10 The Sub-Committee then withdrew at 10.43 a.m.

Following the Sub-Committee's deliberation the meeting resumed at 11.17 am.

During the deliberations the Head of Democratic and Legal Services was asked to advise the Sub-Committee on suitable wording for a Condition.

In conclusion, the Sub-Committee did not consider that the application conflicted with the Licensing Objectives relating to:

- Prevention of Crime and Disorder (LO1)
- Public Safety (LO2)
- Prevention of Nuisance (LO3)
- Protection of Children from Harm (LO4)

The Sub-Committee decided to grant the application as applied for at Annexe 1 of the agenda papers, with Conditions attached as per Annexe 3 of the agenda papers, with the addition to Condition 4 that "Recycling of bottles only takes place between the hours of 08.00 and 18.00".

The concerns of the objector, who had been unable to attend the meeting, had been discussed in detail, particularly those issues relating to the Licensing Objectives relating to Protection of Children and Prevention of Crime and Disorder, and the Sub-Committee considered that the conditions at Annexe 3 should address the concerns raised.

The Sub-Committee reminded the objector that should there be any cause for concern in the future, legislation allowed for members of the community to contact their licensing authority with complaints over the operation of the premises, leading to a possible review of the licence.

**The meeting commenced at 10.00 am and concluded at 11.21 am.**

Chairman