

LICENSING, ENVIRONMENT & SAFETY SUB-COMMITTEE B

Meeting: 6 July 2021

At: 6.00 pm

PRESENT

Councillor Matt Wynne (Chair) in the chair; Councillors Grace Baynham and Alanna Vine.

1. MINUTES

The Minutes (copies of which had been circulated) of the meeting held on 21 December 2020 were approved as a correct record.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillors and officers were invited to declare any interests which they had in any of the items on the agenda for the meeting.

No declarations were made.

3. EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC AND THE PUBLIC INTEREST TEST

RESOLVED – That notwithstanding the submission of information as part of Agenda Item 5 – ‘Licensing Act 2003: Application for a Premises Licence at Sports Pavilion, Cross Road, Heald Green, Cheadle’ which had been classified as ‘Not for Publication’ by virtue of it containing material which related to an individual, the Sub-Committee was satisfied that in the circumstances it was not necessary for the public to be excluded from the meeting.

4. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

No public questions were submitted.

5. LICENSING ACT 2003: APPLICATION FOR A PREMISES LICENCE AT SPORTS PAVILION, CROSS ROAD, HEALD GREEN, CHEADLE

A representative of the Corporate Director (Place) and Deputy Chief Executive submitted a report (copies of which had been circulated) detailing an application from Cheadle and Gatley Sports Club Ltd for a premises licence to be granted under the Licensing Act 2003 at The Sports Pavilion, Cross Road, Heald Green, Cheadle to permit the sale of alcohol on the premises only, Monday to Sunday from 1300 hours until 22.30 hours.

The applicant attended the meeting and answered Councillors’ questions in relation to the application. At this stage in the proceedings, the applicant indicated that they would be prepared to amend the application to reduce the proposed hours for the supply of alcohol on the premises to between 18.00 hours to 22.00 hours, Monday to Friday; and 13.00 hours to 22.00 hours, Saturday and Sunday.

Four objectors to the proposal, having previously submitted written representations in relation to the application, also attended the meeting, explained their objections and answered Councillors' questions in relation to the application. The Sub-Committee also considered and were mindful of the further written representations that had been submitted in relation to this application.

There were no representations made by any responsible authority.

The Sub-Committee, having heard the interested parties, proceeded to consider the licensing objectives in respect of the application, together with the relevant parts of the Council's Licensing Policy and the guidance from the Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport. However, the decision was reached on consideration of all the arguments given in relation to this specific application.

The Sub-Committee found the following:-

(i) Crime and Disorder

The Sub-Committee was satisfied that no relevant representations had been raised in respect of this licensing objective

(ii) Protection of Children

The Sub-Committee was satisfied that relevant representations had been raised in respect of this licensing objective, specifically the representations asserted that the close proximity of the premises to both a local school and other community facilities that would be operating during the hours that licensable activity would be taking place would result in patrons visibly consuming alcohol and potentially being intoxicated in sight of young or vulnerable children.

(iii) Public Safety

The Sub-Committee was satisfied that no relevant representations had been raised in respect of this licensing objective

(iv) Public Nuisance

The Sub-Committee was satisfied that relevant representations had been raised in respect of this licensing objective, specifically the representations asserted that the granting of the licence would result in nuisance by way of noise caused by vehicles and patrons entering and leaving the premises late into the night and associated noise breakout from any entertainment taking place from within the premises.

However, the Sub-Committee noted with approval the content of the applicant's operating schedule in relation to these licensing objectives and the further amendment to the application proposed by the applicant at the meeting to reduce the hours for licensable activity which it would considered would satisfactorily mitigate against the issues raised during the course of the hearing.

The Sub-Committee therefore determined that no further conditions were appropriate or necessary in order to address the prevention of the public nuisance and public safety licensing objectives.

It was then

RESOLVED – (1) That the hours for the supply of alcohol on the premises only be approved as follows:-

- 18.00 hours to 22.00 hours, Monday to Friday;
- 13.00 hours to 22.30 hours on Saturday; and
- 13.00 hours to 22.00 hours on Sunday.

(2) That approval be given to the imposition of those conditions proposed by the applicant as part of the original application to appear on the premises licence in addition to the mandatory conditions.

The meeting closed at 7.40 pm