

EAST DEVON DISTRICT COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Licensing and Enforcement Sub Committee held Online via the Zoom app on 9 February 2022

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The meeting started at 9.30 am and ended at 9.57 am

26 Minutes of the previous meeting held on 24 November 2021

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 24th November 2021 were agreed as a correct record.

27 Declarations of interest

There were no declarations of interest.

28 Matters of urgency

There were no matters of urgency.

29 Confidential/exempt items

There were no confidential / exempt items.

30 Determination of an application for the grant of a premises licence to allow the provision of films, live music, recorded music, performance of dance and the supply of alcohol for consumption ON the premises only at Westpoint Centre, Clyst St Mary, Exeter, EX5 1DJ. This is a time limited premises licence application: 10 June 2022 – 12 June 2022.

The Sub Committee considered the application for the grant of a premises licence to allow the provision of films, live music, recorded music, performance of dance and the supply of alcohol for consumption ON the premises only at Westpoint Centre, Clyst St Mary, Exeter, EX5 1DJ. This is a time limited premises licence application for 10 June 2022 – 12 June 2022 only.

The meeting was a hearing under the Licensing Act 2003. The Chair introduced the members of the Sub Committee.

The applicant, present and entitled to make representations was Mr Nicholas Conrad Brayne.

There were no interested parties present.

The Licensing Authority had received representations from East Devon District Council Environmental Health with recommended conditions for noise levels in compliance with widely accepted criteria stated within the Code of Practice on Environmental Noise Control at Concerts. The applicant had agreed to comply with these conditions which

would be added to the licence conditions and operating schedule should the licence be granted.

Two local residents had made written representations, with one having been withdrawn. One representation remained, however the interested party was unable to attend the hearing.

The Sub Committee's legal advisor, Giles Salter, outlined the procedure for the meeting.

The Licensing Officer had nothing further to add and there were no questions for the Licensing Officer.

The applicant made his case for the application and highlighted the following points:

- The applicant wished to reassure local residents that the event would be a small family friendly concert.
- The company has a track record of working with local authorities around the country to put on similar events.
- The licence application was time limited.
- Local residents had been kept informed by way of letter drops and further communication was planned nearer the event with a contact telephone number also being provided.
- The contact number for the event would also be provided on social media and various websites so would be widely available.
- Conditions put forward by Environmental Health regarding noise had been adopted and measures would be in place to stop the spread of sound from the stage.
- As the applicant wished to put on the event again in future years, it was in the company's interest to ensure that the event went smoothly and did not cause problems for either local residents or local authorities.

In response to questions from Members, the applicant advised that Westpoint Arena would be operating the car parks. The applicant, working with the Arena, would bring in tower lights to reinforce the static lighting in the car parking areas to ensure that adequate lighting was in place in the event of an emergency. No more than 500 cars were anticipated on any day and visitors leaving the event would be channelled through a small area to allow marshals to monitor for any risks.

In his closing statement, the applicant emphasised that the application was for a time limited licence and every effort would be made to ensure that the event ran smoothly with no problems as the applicant hoped to hold such events in future years.

The Chair thanked all participants for attending the meeting and advised that the decision of the Sub Committee would be notified to all parties in writing within five working days.

Attendance List

Councillors present:

A Dent (Vice-Chair)

J Whibley (Chair)

T Wright

Councillors also present (for some or all the meeting)

None

Officers in attendance:

Lesley Barber, Licensing Officer
Sarah Helman, Democratic Services Officer
Sarah Jenkins, Democratic Services Officer
Giles Salter, Solicitor
Alethea Thompson, Democratic Services Officer
Phillippa Norsworthy, Licensing Officer

Councillor apologies:

None

Chair

Date: