

LICENSING SUB COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF A MEETING of the Licensing Sub Committee held on Wednesday 17 September 2008 at 9.30am in the Executive Meeting Room of the Guildhall, Portsmouth.

Present

Councillor Les Stevens (in the chair)
Margaret Adair

57. Appointment of Chair (AI 1)

Councillor Les Stevens was appointed chair for the meeting.

58. Declaration of Members' Interests in Accordance with Standing Order No 14 (AI 2)

There were no declarations made.

59. Licensing Act 2003 – Application for the grant of a premises licence – The Lodge Arts Centre, Victoria Park, Anglesea Road, Portsmouth, PO1 3HJ (AI 3)

(TAKE IN REPORT BY THE LICENSING MANAGER)

The Deputy Licensing Manager, Richard Chalmers, reported that following negotiations an agreement had been reached on Monday 15 September, between the applicant, the Public Protection Service, the Police and the interested party, the Wardroom Mess Manager at HMS Nelson, and therefore the application had been withdrawn. The application was amended so as to enable alcohol sales up to 2300 hours, entertainment up to 2330 hours and for late night refreshment up to 2345 hours. The premises are to close at 2345 hours.

60. Licensing Act 2003 – Application for the variation of a premises licence – The Charles Dickens Centre, Lake Road, Portsmouth, PO1 4HA (AI 4)

(TAKE IN REPORT BY THE LICENSING MANAGER)

Mrs Charlotte McLeod, the holder of the premises licence was in attendance.

The interested party, Mr Wearn, was not in attendance.

The Deputy Licensing Manager, Richard Chalmers, introduced his report and reminded the committee that the premises are currently able to provide regulated entertainment of all descriptions from 0900 to 2130 hours.

Mrs McLeod made the following points during her representations;

- ❖ The Buckland Youth Activity Centre (BYAC) the same as the Charles Dickens Centre.
- ❖ BYAC rent out part of the Charles Dickens Centre, which is nearest to where the interested party lives.
- ❖ The venue is used for children up to the age of 17.
- ❖ The application is for a specific purpose, to allow the Table Tennis Association, to hold tournaments, for older children.
- ❖ Tournaments will be completed by 2230 hours.
- ❖ All hirers of the venue have to sign and agree to the terms and conditions.

- ❖ There is no open access to the site.
- ❖ All visitors have to sign-in for fire safety reasons.

DECISION: the application to vary the premises licence at The Charles Dickens Centre, Lake Road, Portsmouth, PO1 4HA was granted so as to allow the following licensable activities:

- ❖ Regulated entertainment of all descriptions from 0900 to 2300 hours.

REASONS: The Committee had regard to its statement of Licensing Policy and the Statutory Guidance. The Committee also had regard to the representations submitted by the applicant and the interested party. However, the committee felt that the operation of the premises and the hours sought would not impact detrimentally on the licensing objectives. The human rights of the applicant and the interested party were also taken into consideration by the committee whilst making this decision, but members felt that they would not be detrimentally affected.

The Deputy Licensing Manager advised that all parties have the right of appeal to the Magistrate's Court within 21 days of the notice of the decision being received by them.

The meeting concluded at 10.00am.

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Signed by the chair of the meeting.