MINUTES

ALCOHOL, ENTERTAINMENT & LATE NIGHT REFRESHMENT LICENSING COMMITTEE FRIDAY, 5 APRIL 2013

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

Councillor Mark Ashberry
Councillor Pam Bosworth (Chairman)
Councillor Robert Broughton
Councillor George Chivers
Councillor Breda Griffin
Councillor Reginald Howard
Councillor Graddon Rowlands
Councillor Mrs Jean Taylor

OFFICERS

Licensing Officers (Richard Etherton, Pam Robinson)
Solicitor to the Committee/Service Manager Legal & Democratic Services (John Armstrong)
Democratic Officer (Lucy Bonshor)

30. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Bob Russell and Councillor Frank Turner.

31. DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS

None disclosed.

32. MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 21ST DECEMBER 2012

The minutes of the meeting held on 21st December were agreed as a correct record of the decisions taken.

33. LICENSING ACT 2003: APPLICATION FOR THE GRANT OF A NEW PREMISE LICENCE FOR RUMOURS WINE BAR, 11 MARKET PLACE, GRANTHAM

Decision

To grant the premises licence for the premise known as Rumours Wine

Bar, 11 Market Place, Grantham as applied for subject to the addition of two conditions under the Protection of Children from Harm Licensing Objective: 1) The promotion of the Challenge 25 scheme and 2) The introduction of a refusal log for those under the age of 25.

The Licensing Officer presented report CSL/028 which concerned an application for a new Premises Licence for Rumours Wine Bar, 11 Market Place, Grantham. The application included the licensable activities shown below between 10.00 - 02.00 hours Monday to Sunday together with Late Night Refreshment between 23:00 – 02:00 Monday to Sunday.

Plays
Films
Live Music
Recorded Music
Performance of Dance
Anything of a similar nature
Supply of alcohol

An extra hour had been asked for into the morning following every Friday, Saturday, Sunday and Monday for each and every Bank Holiday, Christmas Eve, Boxing Day and New Years Eve.

Two representations had been received relating to Public Nuisance, no representations had been received from any of the responsible bodies.

The applicants Mr Ward and Mr Bunn then presented their application. Mr Ward informed the Committee that they had been working closely with the Police on what they required and they proposed to introduce the Challenge 25 Scheme, being the first premises he believed, in the town to do so. The Wine Bar would be aimed a clients above the age of 25 with seating on the ground floor with only background music being played, the second floor would be used for private functions. Both Mr Ward and Mr Bunn had experience between them in running both a pub and a venue for young people.

Members asked questions about what live music they intended to play and also the style of dance to which Mr Ward replied.

As the interested parties were not present the Licensing Officer then gave his closing statement. He reminded Members to have regard to the representations made and the information before them and the steps required to promote the four Licensing Objectives; the Prevention of Crime and Disorder, Public Safety, the Prevention of Public Nuisance and the Protection of Children from Harm. He then listed the options available to the Committee.

The applicants then had the opportunity to give a closing statement.

(10.12am the Licensing Officers and applicants left the meeting)

Members considered the information they had before them and the representations received. One Member was concerned about the possibility of noise due to functions held within the premises but the Solicitor to the Committee reminded Members that if noise became a problem then the licence could be asked to be reviewed by the Environmental Enforcement Team. Another Member suggested the addition of conditions relating to the Challenge 25 Scheme and also the inclusion of a refusal log. As there was currently no evidence that the Licensing Objective Prevention of Public Nuisance was being undermined it was proposed, seconded and unanimously agreed that the licence be granted as applied for subject to the inclusion of conditions relating to the Challenge 25 Scheme and the introduction of a refusal log book.

(10.23am the Licensing Officers and applicants returned to the meeting)

The Solicitor to the Committee read out the Committee's decision. The Committee had considered all the information before them including the representations received but had concluded that at this time the Licensing Objective for the Prevention of Public Nuisance was not being undermined and therefore their decision was to grant the Premises Licence as applied for subject to the inclusion of conditions concerning the Challenge 25 Scheme and the introduction of a refusal log for the sale of alcohol.

34. CLOSE OF MEETING

The meeting closed at 10.25am.