Minutes of the Licensing Sub Committee held at the Civic Centre, Riverside, Stafford on Monday, 4 February 2019

Chairman - Councillor A M Loughran

Present (for all or part of the meeting):-

Councillors:
D B Price  R M Sutherland

Also in attendance - Councillor A J Perkins

Officers in attendance:-

Mr S Turner - Principal Solicitor
Mrs J Wallace - Licensing Officer
Ms R Espley - Environmental Health Officer
Mr A Bailey - Scrutiny Officer

Also present:-

Mr M Herbert - The Trentham Estate
Ms H Mannion - The Trentham Estate
Mr P Whur - Woods, Whur Solicitors
Mr P Malanopy - Local Resident
Mrs Malanopy - Local Resident

LSC3 Application for the Variation of a Premises Licence

Considered the report of the Licensing Officer (V1 9/1/19) in relation to an application for a variation of a Premises Licence at Trentham Gardens Amphitheatre, Trentham Gardens, Stone Road, Trentham Staffordshire, ST4 8AX.

On the 27 November 2018 the Council received an application to vary the Premises Licence for the amphitheatre of Trentham Gardens in order to allow 15 concerts per calendar year, and one extra “proms style” event. The application was made under Section 34 of the Licensing Act 2003. On 20 December 2018, the Council received a letter of representation from a number of local residents.

Mrs J Wallace attended the meeting on behalf of the Head of Operations and introduced the report for Members.

Mr P Malanopy outlined the case for objection to the variation of the Premises Licence on behalf of local residents.

All parties were given the opportunity to question Mr Malanopy.
Mr P Whur presented the case on behalf of the Licence Holder.

All parties were offered the opportunity to question Mr Whur, and the other representatives from Trentham Gardens.

All parties were then given the opportunity to sum up their case.

The Sub Committee then considered the matter in private.

Recording of the meeting was paused and then restarted when all parties were back in the room.

All parties were invited back in to the room for the Sub Committee’s decision.

RESOLVED:- that after hearing the evidence submitted by the representatives of the Licence Holder and local residents and having considered the matters set out in the report and enclosures attached to the Agenda, it is the decision of the Sub-Committee that:-

The application for a variation of the Premises License be granted as requested.

REASONS:- 1 No representation had been made by the responsible authorities regarding this application.

2 There was no evidence of higher than 96 Db noise levels for last year for the premises.

3 There was no evidence of complaints from local residents made during last year’s events at the premises.

4 It was not appropriate or proportionate to impose further conditions on the premises licence.

CHAIRMAN