

Chair - Councillor A P Edgeller

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

Councillors:

A M Loughran

R M Sutherland

Officers in attendance:-

Mr R Simpson	-	Head of Operations
Mr S Turner	-	Legal Services Manager
Mrs J Wallace	-	Licensing and Enviro-crime Manager
Mr A Bailey	-	Scrutiny Officer

Also in attendance:-

Mr L James	-	Licence Holder
Miss R Wetwood	-	Designated Premises Supervisor

**LSC7 Application for a Premises Licence Variation**

Considered the report of the Licensing and Enviro-crime Manager in relation to an application for a Premises Licence Variation for The Original Reggies of Stone, 41B High Street, Stone, Staffordshire ST15 8AD.

On the 18 June 2020 the Council received a premises licence variation application from The Original Reggies of Stone in High Street Stone, however the consultation time had to be restarted on 20 July 2020 due to lack of advertising in the local newspaper and therefore the consultation end date was 14 August 2020. The variation application was to increase the licensable area by utilising the roof terrace of the building and to increase the times on the licence to carry out the sale or supply of alcohol.

The application was made by Mr Lee James the Director of the business known as The Original Reggies of Stone, 41B High Street, Stone ST15 8AD

On the 14 August 2020 the Council received a relevant representation from Tanya Moran the landlady of the Red Lion, 25 High Street Stone.

The representation from Ms Moran took issue with the increase in trading hours and use of the rooftop terrace and raises concerns in terms of public safety, noise nuisance and crime and disorder.

There had been no objections from any of the responsible authorities, Environmental Health Officers and Mr James have agreed certain conditions in relation to noise by requesting a noise limiter be applied to ensure any amplified/live music is set at an agreed level after 9pm that reduces disturbance to nearby residents and adherence to legislation and guidance regarding live/recorded music for entertainment during the Covid-19 pandemic.

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

The Legal Services Manager read out the statement prepared by Ms T Moran in objection to the application for the premises licence variation.

The Licence Holder and the Designated Premises Supervisor outlined their case in support of the application for the premises licence variation.

All parties were given the opportunity to question Mr James and Miss Wetwood.

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 into the meeting for the Sub Committee's decision.

RESOLVED:- that having considered the matters set out in the report and the representations made by the parties in attendance, and also having due regard to the statutory guidance and the Council's Statement of Licensing Policy, the Committee granted the Premises License as applied for.

**Reasons for Decision:-**

- (i) The Committee noted that none of the Responsible Authorities had made representations, but the applicant had agreed certain conditions for the premises licence with Environmental Health, and this includes an agreed noise management plan, noise limiter conditions that apply after 9pm, and agreed adherence to guidance for live and recorded music during the Covid-19 pandemic;
- (ii) There was one relevant representation focussing on concerns around public safety, noise nuisance and crime and disorder;

- (iii) The Committee found that the concerns raised via the relevant representation were fully addressed by the applicant and the designated premises supervisor, and the committee found that the applicant and designated premises supervisor were taking sufficient steps to fully promote the licensing objectives.

CHAIR