Chairman - Councillor A P Edgeller

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

Councillors:
C A Baron  J A Barron

Also in attendance - Councillors J K Price and C V Trowbridge

Officers in attendance:-
Mr S Turner - Interim Legal Services Manager
Mrs J Wallace - Licensing Officer
Mrs K McKinney - Enforcement Officer
Mr J Dean - Democratic Services Officer

Also present:-
Ms I Moss - Solicitor, Poppleston Allen
Mr K Murray - Freedom Leisure
Mrs L Hulse - Freedom Leisure
Mr R Whinnerah - Freedom Leisure

Approximately 12 members of the public

LSC1 Application for a Premises Licence

Considered the report of the Licensing Officer (V1 17/6/19) in relation to an application for a Premises License at Rowley Park Sports Stadium, Averill Road, Stafford ST17 9XX.

On the 15 May 2019 the Council received an application for a Premises Licence for Rowley Park Sports Stadium made by Liz Hulse and Richard Whinnerah of Freedom Leisure, Stafford Leisure Centre, Lammascote Road, Stafford

Between 26 May and 12 June 2019 the Council had received 40 relevant representations from local residents. The responsible authorities had not made any relevant representations.

Freedom Leisure had since contacted residents and the Licensing Authority to confirm that the following changes have been proposed to residents:
• The number of events involving licensable activities held in a year is reduced from six to just four events
• That these events will be held over a specific five month period, between May and September only
• The sale of alcohol at events is limited to a period of time between the hours of 12.00 and 21.00

On behalf of the Interim Head of Operations the Licensing Officer introduced the report for Members.

Ms I Moss outlined the case for objection to the Premises Licence on behalf of local residents.

All parties were given the opportunity to question Ms Moss.

Mr K Murray presented the case on behalf of the applicant.

All parties were offered the opportunity to question Mr Murray, and the other representatives from Freedom Leisure.

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

The meeting was adjourned for 15 minutes to allow the applicants and the representatives of local residents time to compile a list of agreed conditions to alleviate the concerns of local residents.

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 applicant 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 Premises License be granted as requested, subject to the following conditions:-

1. Maximum of four events per year (May – Sept only);
2. Each event to be no longer that one day;
3. Removal of the sale of alcohol;
4. Licence holder will consult with Licensing Authority, Police and Environmental Services and submit an Event Safety Plan in advance of all events, no later than three months prior to the commencement of each event. The plan should include information of the following:
• Event H&S welfare policy statement
• Event H&S welfare overviews
• Event safety management structure
• Risk Assessment
• Event site overview
• Temporary structures, barriers and infrastructure
• Organisation and contractors
• Site rules
• Traffic management plan
• Communication
• Electrical systems and lighting
• Waste disposal
• Security and stewarding
• Drugs and alcohol policy
• Medical and First Aid provision
• Fire precautions and equipment
• Sanitary accommodation
• Provisions for person with special needs
• Control of noise at work
• Accident reporting and investigate
• Emergency procedures
• Contingencies
• Details layout drawing

5. The provision of S/A door supervisors will be fully addressed in the event safety plan and cognisance of police advice in relation to appropriate numbers of door staff.

6. The Manager shall ensure an incident log is maintained and details of known incidents are recorded within the log and the log should be kept at the venue for the duration of the event.

7. A dispersal policy shall be implemented which includes stewarding, with people diverted from residential areas.

CHAIRMAN