Minutes of the Licensing Sub Committee held at the Civic Centre, Riverside, Stafford on Monday, 9 December 2019

Chair - Councillor A P Edgeller

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

Councillors:
A M Loughran  M Phillips

Also present:-  -  Councillor J K Price

Officers in attendance:-

Mr G Finn -  Senior Legal Officer
Miss K McKinney -  Licensing Enforcement Officer
Mrs J Wallace -  Licensing Officer
Mr A Bailey -  Scrutiny Officer

Also present:-

Miss B Barron-West -  Applicant
Mr M Moore -  Applicant’s Representative
Mr N Gallagher-Hughes -  Objector

LSC4  Application for a Premises Licence

Considered the report of the Licensing Officer in relation to an application for a Premises Licence for The Space Station, 10 Princes Street, Stafford, Staffordshire, ST16 2BN.

On 17 October 2019 the Council received an application for a Premises Licence for The Space Station, 10 Princes Street, Stafford, Staffordshire, ST16 2BN. The application for the Premises Licence had been made by Billie Barron-West, of Stafford Carnegie Old Library Trust. Between 17 October and 14 November 2019 the Council received 1 relevant representation from an interested party. The Responsible Authorities had not made any relevant representations.

Miss K McKinney attended the meeting on behalf of the Head of Operations and introduced the report for Members.

Mr N Gallagher-Hughes outlined his case in objection to the premises licence application.

All parties were given the opportunity to question Mr Gallagher-Hughes.

Miss B Barron-West and Mr M Moore presented their case in support of the premises licence.
All parties were offered the opportunity to question Miss B Barron-West and Mr Moore.

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 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 Sub-Committee grants the Premises Licence as applied for.

**Reasons for Decision**

(i) As this is a new application, there is no historical information available to indicate whether the licensable activities proposed at the premises are likely to cause a public nuisance. The Council in any event has statutory powers to tackle issues relating to noise nuisance (for example, under the Environmental Protection Act 1990).

(ii) The other concerns/issues raised by the interested party do not fall within the remit of this Committee, and furthermore they do not relate to any of the four licensing objectives with which the Committee are concerned.

(iii) The Applicant has agreed a set of conditions, as proposed by the Licensing Unit of Staffordshire Police, to be attached to the Premises Licence.

(iv) No relevant representations have been made by any of the Responsible Authorities, and therefore there is no justifiable reason to refuse the application.

CHAIR