

Chair - Councillor A P Edgeller

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

Councillors:

R P Cooke

R M Sutherland

Also present:-

Officers in attendance:-

Mr S Turner	-	Legal Services Manager
Ms K McKinney	-	Senior Licensing Officer
Mr A Bailey	-	Scrutiny Officer

Also in Attendance:-

Mr C Dick	-	Applicant - Barlaston Hall
Mrs Gilchrist-Dick	-	Applicant - Barlaston Hall
Ms R Hartley	-	Representing Barlaston Hall
Mr Robinson	-	Representing Barlaston Hall
Mr M Attwood	-	Objector

LSC10 Application for a Premises Licence - Barlaston Hall, Queen Marys Drive, Barlaston, Staffordshire, ST12 9AT

Considered the report of the Licensing Officer in relation to an Application for a Premises Licence for Barlaston Hall, Queen Marys Drive, Barlaston, Staffordshire, ST12 9AT.

On 7 December 2022 the Council received an application for a Premises Licence for Barlaston Hall, Queen Marys Drive, Barlaston, Staffordshire, ST12 9AT, with the consultation period commencing on 8 December 2022. A previous premises licence application was submitted on 4 November 2022; however, the Licensing Team had to restart the consultation process, in agreement with the applicant, due to insufficient advertising at the premises.

The proposed Premises Licence Holder of Barlaston Hall was St Johns Bespoke Events Ltd, based at Barlaston Hall. There had been no representations from any Responsible Authorities during the consultation period of this premises licence application, which ended on 4 January 2023.

The Licensing Team had received relevant representations from six members of the public who lived in the vicinity of the premises and were all concerned with the potential for noise nuisance that a premises licence could bring. The representations related to the licensing objective for the prevention of public nuisance.

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

Mr M Attwood outlined his case in objection to the application for a Premises Licence.

All parties were given the opportunity to question Mr Attwood.

Mr and Mrs Gilchrist-Dick and Ms R Hartley outlined their case in support of the application for a Premises Licence.

All parties were given the opportunity to question Mr and Mrs Gilchrist-Dick and Ms R Hartley.

Mr M Attwood was then given the opportunity to sum up their case.

Mr and Mrs Gilchrist-Dick and Ms R Hartley were then given the opportunity to sum 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 the application for the premises licence be granted. The Committee did not find it proportionate or appropriate to attach additional conditions to the premises licence.

- REASONS:-
- (a) The Committee found that the applicants had made appropriate provision for off-site parking in order to address the concerns raised by residents regarding problem parking;
 - (b) The Committee noted the condition that the applicants had proposed to limit capacity to 100 persons at any event at the Premises;
 - (c) The Committee noted condition 4 on Prevention of Crime and Disorder that specified that entrance to the Premises for events shall be limited to invitation holders;

- (d) The Committee considered the concerns regarding noise issues, but considered that condition 1 for Prevention of Public Nuisance was a proportionate and appropriate measure to address this. Condition 1 provides that “noise from amplified music or voices shall not be such as to cause a noise nuisance to occupants of nearby residential properties.”
- (e) The Committee also took into account the terms of condition 4 for Prevention of Public Nuisance, that provided for a dispersal policy, and considered that this should assist with ensuring that people leave the premises without causing a disturbance to local residents.
- (f) The Committee noted that the applicants will need to ensure they obtain all necessary planning permissions for the proposed use of the Premises.

CHAIR