

Minutes of the Licensing Sub Committee held at the Civic Centre, Riverside, Stafford on Tuesday 26 March 2024

Chair - Councillor A M Loughran

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

Councillors:

K M Aspin J Thorley

Officers in attendance:-

L Taylor-Grime - Principal Solicitor - Contentious Litigation
J Wallace - Licensing and Enviro-Crime Group Manager

J Dean - Democratic Services Officer

Also in attendance:-

S Haine - Stone Rural Parish Council
M James - Stone Rural Parish Council

S Delap - Applicant M Dunn - Agent

LSC6 Application for a Premises Certificate - The Rising Festival, Kibblestone Road, Oulton, Stone

Considered the report of the Licensing Manager in relation to an application for a Premises Licence for land on Kibbleston Road, Oulton, Stone, Staffordshire, ST15 8UJ.

On 1 February 2024 the Council received an application for a Premises Licence in relation to the site property known as Kibbleston Scout Camping area, Kibblestone Road, Oulton, Stone, Staffs. ST15 8UJ.

The application was for a Premises Licence to operate for 3 days each year, in July/August, for an outdoor celebration of music and culture with camping options. Live Music would be provided from 12:00 - 23:00 on the Friday and Saturday of each event. The provision to provide Recorded Music on the Thursday of each event from 14:00 - 00:30 and the Friday and Saturday of each event from 12:00 - 00:30. Late Night Refreshments to be served from 23:00 - 01:00 and the supply of Alcohol on a Thursday from 14:00 - 00:00 and on the Friday and Saturday from 12:00 - 00:00.

The Premises Licence Holder for the event was Mr Stephen Delap.

Two valid representations had been received during the consultation period from residents and Stone Rural Parish Council citing issues relating

to one of the Council's Licensing objectives: Prevention of Public Nuisance

Conditions had been agreed with Environmental Health and the applicant, during consultation, concerning noise issues.

There had also been further discussions by the Applicant's Agent with the Police, Fire Service, Environmental Health and the Safety Advisory Group (SAG) co-ordinator regarding conditions felt appropriate for the application, this had been agreed between all parties, therefore the Agent had asked for an amendment to the original submission which would need to be reflected if the licence was granted:

At Section 18 Licensing Objectives b) The prevention of Crime and Disorder condition 1 to be removed and replaced at a) General-all four licensing objectives with the following:

"An Event Management Plan (EMP) /Risk Assessment (RA) must be provided to Staffordshire Police Force Events Unit, Staffordshire Borough Council Environmental Health Team and Staffordshire Fire and Rescue Service, 3 months prior to any event taking place. The EMP/RA must include details of security/stewarding arrangements having regard to the anticipated numbers attending the event. The Event Management Plan must include a fire risk assessment, provisions for injury/ill health and emergency/evacuation plans, Policing/security/searching provisions (including a drug and weapon search policy), child protection policy including lost child procedure, noise management plan, crowd control/audience behaviour, dispersal policy, traffic management and food hygiene procedures. This plan is to be kept on site during the event and made available on request by an authorised officer as detailed within Section 13 of the Licensing Act 2003. The Plan is to be a dynamic working document and may be subject to minor amendments."

J Wallace attended the meeting on behalf of the Head of Regulatory Services and introduced the report for Members.

S Haine and M James outlined their case in objection to the application and read a statement on behalf of a local resident who was unable to attend the meeting.

All parties were given the opportunity to question the objectors.

M Dunn outlined their case in support of the application for a Premises Licence.

All parties were given the opportunity to question the applicants.

The objectors were duly given the opportunity to sum up their case.

The applicants were subsequently 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 a premises licence in relation to the site property known as Kibbleston Scout Camping area, Kibblestone Road, Oulton, Stone, Staffs. ST15 8UJ be granted for The Rising Festival to operate for 3 days each year, in July/August, for an outdoor celebration of music and culture with camping options. Live Music will be provided from 12:00 - 23:00 on the Friday and Saturday of each event. The provision to provide Recorded Music on the Thursday of each event from 14:00 - 00:30 and the Friday and Saturday of each event from 12:00 - 00:30. Late Night Refreshments to be served from 23:00 - 01:00 and the supply of Alcohol on a Thursday from 14:00 - 00:00 and on the Friday and Saturday from 12:00 - 00:00.

The Sub-Committee carefully considered the application, the representations made and considered the Licensing Act 20023, the guidance under Section 182 of the Act and the Council's Licensing Policy in making this decision.

CHAIR