

Decisions of the Licensing Sub-Committee

24 December 2014

Members Present:-

Councillor Alison Cornelius (Chairman)
Councillor John Hart
Councillor Jim Tierney

Officers to the Panel
Maria Lugangira – Governance Officer
Bob Huffam – Legal Services

Licensing Officer
Daniel Pattenden

Environment Health Officer
Roxanne Pateman

Responsible Authorities
PC Vicky Wilcock – Metropolitan Police

Applicants
Mr Ifran Undre – Director, Cavendish Banqueting House
Mr Michael Ingram – Event organiser

1. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN

Councillor Alison Cornelius was appointed as Chairman.

2. ABSENCE OF MEMBERS (IF ANY)

Apologies were received from Councillor Anne Hutton was being substituted by Councillor Alison Cornelius.

3. DECLARATION OF MEMBERS' DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS AND NON PECUNIARY INTERESTS (IF ANY)

None were declared.

4. LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE HEARING PROCEDURE

The Chairman introduced the sub-Committee Members and explained the procedure that would be followed at the meeting.

5. TEMPORARY EVENT NOTICE FOR CAVENDISH BANQUETING, FCI HOUSE, EDGWARE ROAD, COLINDALE, NW9 5AE

The Sub-Committee considered an application for a Temporary Event Notice under the Section 100 of Licensing Act 2003. The Sub-Committee heard oral representations from the Licensing Officer, the Police and the applicant.

6. MOTION TO EXCLUDE THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

That, under Regulation 14(2) of the Licensing Act 2003 (Hearings Regulations 2005), the parties be excluded from the meeting.

7. DELIBERATION BY THE SUB-COMMITTEE IN PRIVATE SESSION

The Sub-Committee deliberated in private session.

8. RE-ADMISSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC: ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE DECISION OF THE SUB-COMMITTEE

RESOLVED – That the press and public be re-admitted.

The Sub-Committee, having considered the application and all verbal and written representations received, unanimously **RESOLVED** –

This is an application for a Temporary Events Notice by Cavendish Banqueting FCI House, Edgware Road Colindale for what is described as a New Year's Eve event from one minute past midnight until 06.00 on 1st January 2015.

The Police have objected to this application stating that it would undermine the licensing objectives of the prevention of crime and disorder and the prevention of nuisance. The Police require a risk assessment form when such events are planned and state that the applicant rarely provides one. In this instance such a form has been provided but the scale of the event is such that the Police would require considerable planning that would take longer than the time available until New Year's Eve.

The Sub-Committee understand from the Police that there was an ugly disturbance outside the premises on 28 November 2014 which required the presence of Officers from three different Boroughs to sort out fights and alcohol fuelled anti-social behaviour. The police say that this shows a lack of control and responsibility exercised by the applicant.

The police also say that the promoter is unknown to them, and that the premises shown by him as an example of his experience is much smaller and not at all similar to these premises.

The noise nuisance officer also stated that her department had received noise complaints on that day. The Panel noted that Environmental Health had served a noise abatement notice on the premises following last year's New Years eve event.

In response to this the applicant states that they will have 15 security staff and 4 stewards making sure that customers leave quietly and with proper regard for the neighbours. This was not in force last year. They have hired a car park with a maximum capacity of 50 cars in order to prevent as far as possible noise from customers parking in side streets and making a noise when leaving.

The applicant has also asked to amend its application so that the sale of alcohol terminates at 04.00 and the premises close at 04.30. The Panel does have concerns over even this hour but on the basis of the proposals referred to above relating to security we hope that the application as amended will not undermine the licensing objectives. The applicant will be aware of the likely consequences should there be any difficulty.

The Sub-Committees grants the amended application.

Informative

All parties were advised of their right of appeal to Willesden Magistrates' Court 448 High Road, London NW10 2DZ before the expiration of a period of 21 days from notification as long as there are 5 working days before the event is due to commence. Any appeal is by way of Complaint for an order. The Court may dismiss the appeal, substitute for the decision appealed any other decision which could have been made by the Licensing Authority, or remit the case to the Licensing Authority to dispose of it in accordance with the directions of the Court, and can make such costs order as it thinks fit.

9. ANY OTHER ITEM(S) THE CHAIRMAN DECIDES ARE URGENT

There were none.

The meeting finished at 12.35 pm