

LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE

MEETING : Monday, 19th July 2010

PRESENT : Cllrs. Durrant, Dee and Taylor

Officers

Steve Isaac, Solicitor

Gill Ragon, Group Manager, Environmental Health and Regulatory Services

Lloyd Griffiths, Environmental Protection Service Manager

Lisa Wilkes, Food Safety and Licensing Service Manager

Tony Moseley, Licensing Enforcement Officer

Philippa Finnegan, Licensing Officer

Amanda Tarren, Democratic Services Officer

Also in Attendance

Inspector Carole Anjinka, Gloucestershire Constabulary

Mr P. Trott, Force Solicitor, Gloucestershire Constabulary

Mike Matthews, Applicant's Solicitor

Cleo Pearson, All Nations Community Centre

Paul White, All Nations Community Centre

Keith Sinclair, All Nations Community Club

B Webster, All Nations Community Club

1. ELECTION OF CHAIR

Councillor Durrant was elected as Chair.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

3. INTRODUCTIONS AND PROCEDURES

The Chair introduced the Panel and the officers in attendance. The applicants were introduced, and confirmed that they represented themselves at the hearing. The Chair outlined the procedure to be followed.

4. REVIEW OF CLUB PREMISES CERTIFICATE UNDER SECTION 87 OF THE LICENSING ACT 2003 - THE ALL NATIONS COMMUNITY CENTRE, 61- 63 CHASE LANE, EASTERN AVENUE

Officer's Report

The Licensing and Enforcement Officer outlined the report, regarding a review of the Club Premises Certificate for the All Nations Community Centre (ANC). This

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followed an application made by Gloucestershire Constabulary under Section 87 of the Licensing Act 2003.

There were no questions from the applicant or the Police at this stage.

Police Application

The solicitor representing Gloucestershire Police, presented his report and a revised representation and set of recommended conditions was given to Members.

Environmental Protection Officer

The Officer had investigated complaints made by local residents and found that the noise nuisance from the ANC was subject to review, and made several recommendations in the report (appendix E) to control noise from the club.

ANC Solicitor

The solicitor representing the All Nations Community Centre (ANC), presented their case and comments regarding the serious incidents listed by the Police in the report.

Member's Questions

Members did not have questions for the Police or Environmental Protection Officer at this stage.

Residents Representations

There were no questions from the public or residents.

Police Summary

Inspector Anjinka gave her concerns regarding the serious nature of previous incidents at the club, and the risk of increased crime and disorder.

ANC Solicitor Summary

It was stated that the staff at the club had done as much as possible to protect the customers. They had taken the advice of the Police, to report incidents promptly. He asked Members to note that the club had operated for 500 nights over 3 years, without any similar problems.

Decision

Members retired from the room at 22.15 hours, to decide the outcome of the review. Members returned at 23.47 hours to advise that the Premise Licence would not be revoked.

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Members made due consideration to representations made by all parties, and in order to achieve the three licensing objectives, considered that the following list of conditions are added to the certificate.

Conditions

Supply of alcohol, live music, recorded music, performance of dance, other, making music and dancing. Premises Opening Hours

Monday – Wednesday	12:00-00:00	12:00-00:30
Thursday	12:00-00:00	12:00-00:30
Friday	11:30-01:00	11:30-02:00
Saturday	11:30-01:00	11:30-02:00
Sunday	11:30-00:00	11:30-00:30

Bank Holiday Sunday, Bank Holiday Monday, Christmas Eve, Boxing Day, New Years Day and Jamaican Independence Day to remain as current.

The Club membership book must be available for inspection by the Police or Licensing Authority at any time that the premises are open.

A signing in book for members and guests must be kept at the premises, as per the club rules section 8.1 and be available for inspection by the Police or Licensing Authority at any time that the premises are open.

In the event that a club member applies for the use of the club premises for a private function, a list of names and addresses of all persons attending must be maintained in the signing in book and available for inspection by the Police or Licensing Authority at any time that the premises are open.

CCTV will be operative at the premises of a satisfactory standard to the Police and Licensing Authority and shall monitor all areas used by patrons, including the outside and designated smoking areas.

All CCTV equipment shall be maintained in good working order and shall continually record during licensable hours and for a minimum period of two hours afterwards.

In the event of any extension or replacement of the CCTV equipment, any replacement or additional CCTV equipment shall be installed to the satisfaction of the Police and Licensing Authority.

That tapes, or other recording media relating to CCTV equipment, be retained for a minimum of 31 days and made available to any authorised officer of the Police or Licensing Authority, immediately upon request. The correct time and date shall be generated onto both the recording and real time image.

If the CCTV equipment breaks down, the ANC committee members shall ensure that they verbally inform the Council's Licensing Officer and the Police as soon as is reasonably practicable. This information shall be contemporaneously recorded in the club incident report register and shall include the date, time and by what means

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this notification was achieved and to whom the information was passed. Equipment failures shall be repaired or replaced as soon as is reasonably practicable and without undue delay. The Licensing Office and the Police shall be informed when faults are rectified and the fact recorded in the incident report register.

A member of ANC staff that is technically able to operate the CCTV system shall be available during all hours that the premises are open and shall comply with any reasonable request of an authorised officer of the Council or Police to view any CCTV footage that has been recorded. The ANC committee shall ensure that a technically able member of staff can reproduce CCTV images onto a removable format and that such format shall be produced within 24 hours following any request from an authorised officer of the Council or Police.

Signage shall be clearly displayed to the effect that the CCTV (Closed Circuit Television) equipment is in operation to monitor security and customer safety.

All drinking glasses used within the premises to be of polycarbonate type, toughened material or safety glass to the appropriate safety standard, in that they shall not produce sharp shards when broken.

Training

The ANC committee shall ensure that all members working at the premises whether paid or voluntary staff, shall receive appropriate training commensurate with their duties and that staff are familiar with all means of ingress and egress and the appropriate procedures in case of any emergencies that require an immediate evacuation of the premises. A record of all training including reviews and refresher training shall be documented and shall be available upon request by an Officer of the Police, Fire or Licensing Authority.

Dispersal

The ANC to link with taxi and private hire operators to assist customers with their bookings from the premises.

Door Supervisors

Will encourage customers to drink up and progress to exit within the venue throughout the latter part of drinking up time.

Will draw attention of existing customers to the notices in the foyer and ask them to be considerate.

Will ensure the removal of open bottles and glasses from any customers who attempt to leave the venue carrying them. Will actively encourage customers not to assemble outside the venue.

Will direct customers to taxi/transportation from the area.

Drug Policy

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The aim of the drug policy is to prevent drug dealing or usage on the premises.

Door staff will conduct searches to prevent controlled drugs being brought into the premises. Posters will be displayed advising that no drugs will be brought onto premises.

Door staff and staff to conduct regular patrols of all areas including the toilets to ensure no drug misuse.

Members or guests will be barred from premises if found in possession of drugs.

All drugs found on the premises should be recorded in an incident book, and such drugs be secured in a safe place until collected by the Police.

Noise Condition

i) Within 3 months of the date of issue, appoint a suitably qualified and competent noise consultant to carry out a noise assessment in respect of the premises. This should pay particular attention to the assessment and control of low frequency noise. A report should be submitted, detailing the methodology and results to the Environmental Protection Service for approval. The report must include a detailed scheme of works designed to reduce noise to a level where it is inaudible at the nearest noise sensitive dwelling.

ii) Within 2 months of written approval being provided in respect of the scheme of works by the Environmental Protection Service, carry out all works as detailed to the approval of this Authority.

Time of commencement: 18:30 hours
Time of conclusion: 23:55 hours

Chair

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