

LICENSING PANEL (209)

15th May 2008 at 10.00 a.m.

PRESENT: Councillors Dolling, Simons and Worlding

OFFICERS: C. Tobin - Clerk to the Panel (Solicitor)
A. Bacon - Licensing Manager's representative
D. Humphrey - Licensing Manager's representative
S. Rowland - Committee Administrator
D. Mitchell O'Neil - Committee Administrator

11 ELECTION OF CHAIR (REF: 1)

Resolved: That Councillor Worlding be elected Chair of Panel No. 209.

12 MINUTES (REF: 3.1)

Resolved: That the Minutes of the meeting of the Panel held on 22nd April 2008 be taken as read, approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

13 APPLICATION FOR VARIATION OF PREMISES EURO SNOOKER CLUB (REF: 8)

PRESENT:

APPLICANT: Abdullah Ulgut
Dunham Canbolat - representing Mr Ulgut

OBJECTORS: Martin Price – Luton & Bedfordshire Fire Authority
Sgt. Fowler – Bedfordshire Police
William Tuffs – Bedfordshire Police

The Chair introduced the Members of the Panel and Officers to those parties present.

The Licensing Manager's representative reported on an application by Mr. Abdullah Ulgut for the variation of a Premises Licence in respect of Euro Snooker Club, First and Second Floor 6/8 and 10/10A Gordon Street to supply alcohol from 12.00 noon to 3.30 am the following morning.

The Licensing Manager's representative reported that 2 objections had been received from responsible authorities Bedfordshire Police and Luton and Bedfordshire Fire and Rescue Services. No objections had been received from interested parties.

The Panel questioned all parties and all parties raised questions and responded to each other in compliance with the approved Procedure.

Resolved: That consideration of this matter take place following consideration of the passing of a resolution to exclude the public and press from the meeting.

14 LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972, PART VA (REF: 10)

Resolved: That under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public and press be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the decision in relation to the report of the Head of Environmental and Consumer Services referred to at Minute 13/08 above, as there would be disclosure to them of exempt information falling within Paragraph 3 of Schedule 12A of the Act.

15 LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972, PART VA (REF: 10)

Resolved: That the public and press be no longer excluded from the meeting.

16 APPLICATION FOR VARIATION OF PREMISES LICENCE – APPLICATION FOR VARIATION OF PREMISES EURO SNOOKER CLUB (REF: 8)

The Panel had carefully considered the papers before it including the oral representations made by the Applicant and his representative and the written and oral representation made by and on behalf of the objectors. The Panel had regard to the Council's Statement of Licensing Policy, in particular Section 7 (Prevention of Crime and Disorder) and Section 8 (Public Safety).

Resolved: That the application by Mr. Abdullah Ulgat for the Variation of a Premises Licence with regard to the sale of alcohol from 12 Noon to 3.30am the following morning 7 days a week to take place in respect of Euro Snooker Club, First and Second Floor 6/8 and 10/10A Gordon Street be **GRANTED FROM 24th MAY 2008** subject to compliance with the following additional conditions.

1. That there will be two Security Industry Authority (SIA) licensed door supervisors employed on the premises from 7.00 pm to close of business at 3.30 am the following day that one of these members of staff will monitor the entrance of the premises ensuring entrance is granted to members of the club only and that alcohol is consumed on the premises in order to prevent any disorder and crime.

2. One of those members of staff will monitor the entrance of the premises during those hours to prevent any disorder and crime.

3. The club will take all necessary precautions to prevent any public nuisance during and after the permitted hours.

4. Registered members of the club only to be admitted. New members will not be able to exercise their membership rights or be allowed on the

premises until 24 hours has elapsed to enable management adequate time to check the forms and identification.

5. All the necessary fire extinguishers and exits are to be highlighted with visible signs. All exit ways to be kept clear at all times and the stock room will be kept in a tidy and hygienic manner.

6. That the Applicant produces a written fire risk assessment immediately and that this is maintained and updated as necessary. The risk assessment is to be produced when requested by an Officer from the Fire Authority or other responsible authorities under the Act. The Fire Risk Assessment is to specifically include the matters set out in the Schedule to the Fire Authority letter dated 7th January 2008 which are as follows:-

“The responsible person must carry out a fire risk assessment which focuses on the safety in case of fire of all ‘relevant persons’. It should pay particular attention to those at special risk, such as disabled people, those who have special needs and young persons, and must include consideration of any dangerous substance liable to be on the premises. The fire risk assessment will help identify risks that can be removed or reduced and to decide the nature and extent of the general fire precautions needed to be taken. “

7. That a suitable fire warning system installed to British Standard 5838 : Part 1 Type L2, be fitted throughout the building including the ground floor.

8. A self closing ½ hour fire resisting door is to be fitted to the head of the secondary staircase on the second floor.

9. The ½ hour fire resisting door at the head of the main staircase on the second floor is to be made and maintained self closing.

10. The door leading on to Gordon Street from the second staircase (next to the hairdressers) is to be made into a fire escape door. The door is to be easily and immediately openable from the inside without the use of a key at all times the premises are occupied.

11. A secondary lighting system, supplied with electricity from a source independent of the mains supply, and coming into operation automatically on failure of the mains lighting, is to be provided. The system to be installed in accordance with the current British Standards 5266 : Part 1 and BSEN 1838 or equivalent European Standard and be of Category N/M 1. The system is to be capable of:-

(a) Maintaining the necessary level of illumination for a minimum period of 1 hour(s) from the time of failure or disconnection of the normal supply.

(b) Sufficiently illuminating all stairways, corridors and other exit routes to enable persons to make their way out of the premises.

12. That the Variation of the licence will take effect from 24th May 2008. The applicant was warned that it was a criminal offence to operate the variation of the licence without adhering to all the conditions imposed by Licensing Authority.

17 APPLICATION FOR GRANT OF PREMISES LICENCE HOCKWELL RING COMMUNITY CENTRE (REF: 9)

PRESENT:

APPLICANT: Heather James – Community Development Officer

OBJECTOR: Brenda Lawson

The Chair introduced the Members of the Panel and Officers to those parties present.

The Licensing Manager's representative reported on an application received from Heather James on behalf of Hockwell Ring Community Centre, Mayne Avenue Luton for the grant of a Premises Licence. She further reported that there had been 2 objections received from interested parties. A petition had been submitted from 7 local residents although not included within the report it had been sent to Members of the Panel. No objections had been received from responsible authorities.

The Panel questioned all parties and all parties raised questions and responded to each other in compliance with the approved procedure.

Resolved: That consideration of this matter take place following the passing of a resolution to exclude the public and press from the meeting.

18 LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972, PART VA (REF: 10)

Resolved: That under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public and press be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the decision in relation to the report of the Head of Environmental and Consumer Services referred to at Minute 17/08 above, as there would be disclosure to them of exempt information falling within Paragraph 3 of Schedule 12A of the Act.

19 LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972, PART VA (REF: 10)

Resolved: That the public and press be no longer excluded from the meeting.

20 APPLICATION FOR GRANT OF PREMISES LICENCE – HOCKWELL RING COMMUNITY CENTRE (REF: 9)

The Panel had carefully considered the papers before it including the oral representations made by the applicant and the oral and written representations made by the objectors and had regard to the Council's Statement of Licensing Policy, in particular Section 7 Prevention of Crime and Disorder and Section 8 Public Safety.

Resolved: That the application by Heather James on behalf of Hockwell Ring Community Centre be **GRANTED** subject to compliance with the operating schedule submitted with the application (Licensable activity and operating hours attached at Appendix 1/08 to these Minutes) which are modified by the addition of further conditions as follows:-

(1) That a notice is to be erected on all entrance and exits to the Community Centre to state that "no person shall take alcohol from the premises for consumption outside the premises".

(2) No person attending an event at the premises shall consume alcohol outside the premises.

(3) Outside of the opening hours only staff are allowed on the premises.

(4) A member of staff who has attended a Council approved course relating to the supply of alcohol is to be present on the premises whenever any event involving supply of alcohol is taking place.

(5) The designated premises supervisor is to be contactable at all times when alcohol is being supplied on the premises.

(6) No speakers or other audio equipment shall be permitted to be placed outside the building or fitted to the exterior of the building.

(7) No licensable activity is to take place outside the community centre building.

(Note: The meeting ended at 1.45 p.m.)