

Licensing Act 2003 Sub-Committee

Wednesday, 3 September 2008

Present: Councillor Edward Smith (Chair) and Councillors Thomas McGowan and Ralph Snape

Also in attendance: Zeynab Patel (Solicitor), Stephen Culleton (Licensing Manager) and Tony Uren (Democratic Services Officer).

08.LAS.01 DECLARATIONS OF ANY INTERESTS

None of the Sub-Committee declared an interest in the one agenda item under discussion.

08.LAS.02 APPLICATION TO VARY A PREMISES LICENCE IN RESPECT OF BRINDLE COMMUNITY HALL, WATER STREET, BRINDLE, CHORLEY MADE UNDER SECTION 34 OF THE LICENSING ACT 2003

The Director of Corporate Governance submitted a report on an application by the Committee of Brindle Community Hall to vary the Premises Licence granted in respect of the Community Hall. The Committee sought to include in their licence the outdoor areas, including the playing field, old tennis courts and parking area. In addition, the Committee wished to extend the opening hours by one additional hour on Sundays to Thursdays, an additional 30 minutes on Fridays and Saturdays and an additional 30 minutes on New Years Eve.

The Chair and a member of the Brindle Community Hall Committee attended the meeting to support their arguments for the variation of the Licence and four neighbouring residents also attended to expand on their grounds of objection.

(At this point, the applicants, objectors and Licensing Manager left the meeting room.)

At the conclusion of the formal hearing procedures, the Sub-Committee gave due and careful consideration to the application, balancing the applicants' current and proposed licence provisions and policies adopted in relation to organised events against the local residents' claims of past disturbances and concerns should evening events increase and expand into the outdoor areas.

After considering and balancing all the relevant factors, the Sub-Committee **RESOLVED to vary the Premises Licence in respect of Brindle Community Hall essentially to allow (i) the opening hours, sale of alcohol and entertainment activity (music, dancing, etc) within the Community Hall to be extended by 30 minutes to 11.30pm on Sundays to Thursdays and to 12.30am on Fridays and Saturdays; (ii) the sale of alcohol and entertainment activity (music, dancing, etc) within the outdoor areas until 11.00pm on Mondays to Sundays; the sale of alcohol and entertainment activity both within the Community Hall and all outdoor areas until 1.30am on New Years Day, subject in all instances to the imposition of stipulated conditions to control and regulate the level of amplified sound and to minimise the risk of noise nuisances and disturbances to neighbouring residents.**

(The applicants were notified of the Sub-Committee's decision by letter on 5 September 2008, together with their right of appeal to the Magistrates Court within 21 days.)

Chair