

Statutory Licensing Sub-Committee

Minutes - 10 July 2023

Attendance

Members of the Statutory Licensing Sub-Committee

Cllr Rashpal Kaur

Cllr Jonathan Crofts

Applicant for Review - West Midlands Police

Kayley Nixon

Sergeant Gemma Turner

Premises Licence Holder

Hayden Dando

Kirsty Williams

Carl Moore

Director /Owner of The Centre Spot Sports Bar

Designated Premises Supervisor

Licensing Consultant

Responsible Authorities

Amitabh Singh

Ryan Hollings

Licensing Authority

Public Health

Employees

Debra Craner

Bankole Thomas

Donna Cope

Section Leader Licensing

Solicitor

Democratic Services Officer

Item No. *Title*

1 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Councillor Zee Russell.

2 Declarations of interest

There were no declarations of interest.

3 Licensing Act 2003 - Application for a Review of a Premises Licence in respect of Centre Spot Sports Bar, 30-32 Broad Street, City Centre, Wolverhampton, West Midlands, WV1 1HP

An application for a review of a Premises Licence in respect of Centre Spot Sports Bar, 30-32 Broad Street, City Centre, Wolverhampton, WV1 1HP had been received from West Midlands Police (WMP).

The Chair welcomed all parties to the hearing and invited all those present to introduce themselves. All parties did so.

Following a request from Carl Moore, agent representing the Premises Licence Holder, the Chair invited him to address the Sub-Committee.

Carl Moore did so. He stated the following:

1. The premises had worked hard with West Midlands Police to agree a number of licence conditions.
2. He had not been aware of the representations made by Public Health and the Licensing Authority until he received the agenda papers from Democratic Services.
3. In their representations the Licensing Authority and Public Health were supporting the Police's application, but as the police now wanted to withdraw their application, there was nothing for the Responsible Authorities to support.
4. The premises had originally booked a Barrister to represent them at the Hearing but when mediation had been agreed with West Midlands Police, the Barrister had been cancelled.
5. He had received late supplementary papers from the police which he was unprepared for and had not had sufficient time to consider them with his client.
6. The supplementary pack was hearsay.
7. His client was happy to accept the conditions proposed by West Midlands Police and he was therefore not sure why the Hearing was still necessary.

The Chair sought legal advice from Bankole Thomas, Solicitor and legal advisor to the Sub-Committee. The Solicitor advised members of their available options and noted that if all parties agreed to the proposed mediation, the hearing could be dispensed with.

The Licensing Sub-Committee considered the matter, and it was established that the Licensing Authority were happy with the proposed mediation, but Public Health had not had time to consider it.

Carl Moore, Agent for the Premises, requested a short adjournment to allow him time to discuss the proposed mediation with Public Health.

The request was granted.

All interested parties, with the exception of the Solicitor and the Democratic Services Officer, withdrew from the meeting.

The Hearing adjourned 11.12.

The Hearing reconvened 11.43.

All parties were invited back to the meeting.

Carl Moore, Agent for the premises, advised the Sub-Committee that the premises had now successfully mediated with all of the Responsible Authorities.

West Midlands Police, Public Health, and the Licensing Authority all confirmed that they were happy with the proposed mediation, found at pages 65-77 of the Supplementary Agenda Pack, and any of their previous concerns had been allayed.

The Licensing Sub-Committee considered the matter and agreed to accept the proposed mediation. The hearing was therefore dispensed of.