

CITY OF  
WOLVERHAMPTON  
COUNCIL

# Statutory Licensing Sub-Committee

Minutes - 3 October 2019

## Attendance

### Members of the Statutory Licensing Sub-Committee

Cllr Alan Bolshaw (Chair)  
Cllr Jonathan Crofts  
Cllr Rita Potter

### Premises Licence Applicant

Sukhjinder Nagra	Crazy Gin Ltd
Paramjit Nagra	Crazy Gin Ltd

### Responsible Authorities

Elaine Moreton	Licensing Authority
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### Employees

Sarah Hardwick	Senior Solicitor
Kirsty Tuffin	Democratic Service Officer
Debra Craner	Licensing Section Leader

*Item No. Title*

**1 Apologies for absence**

There were no apologies for absence.

**2 Declarations of interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

**3 Licensing Act 2003 - Premises Licence Application in Respect of Crazy Gin, Unit 41, 4 Victoria Street, Wolverhampton, WV1 3NP**

An application for a Premises Licence in respect of Crazy Gin, Unit 41, 4 Victoria Street, Wolverhampton, WV1 3NP was considered following representations received from Licensing Authority.

The Chair led round-table introductions and outlined the procedure to be followed. All parties confirmed that they understood the procedure.

Debra Craner, Section Leader – Licensing, provided an outline of the application and confirmed that the premises was situated within a Cumulative Impact Zone (CIZ).

Mr Nagra, Premises License Applicant, confirmed that the summary provided was accurate.

The Chair invited the Applicant to present the application. Mr Nagra did so as per Appendix 1 of the report. He advised that he had held a Premises License for a similar premises: Victoria Works, 4-5 Victoria Street, WV1 4LG and had operated since 2016.

*Mrs Nagra, Business Partner of the applicant, left the Licensing Sub-Committee at 2:25.*

Mr Nagra advised that he had additional documentation for the Statutory Licensing Sub-Committee to consider. The additional information included further information on how the four Licensing Objectives would be upheld if the Premises License be granted.

Sarah Hardwick confirmed that in accordance with the Licensing Act (Hearings) Regulations 2005 the Licensing Sub-Committee may take into account documentary information produced by a party in support of their application either before the hearing or, with the consent of all the other parties, at the hearing.

The Chair asked the Licensing Authority if they wanted to adjourn the Hearing to allow them time to view the additional documentation. Ms Elaine Moreton, representative from Licensing Authority, as responsible Authority, agreed to this.

*The Sub-Committee adjourned at 14:45 hours.  
The Hearing reconvened at 15:10 hours.*

The Chair asked the Licensing Authority if they would accept the additional information to be considered by the Sub-Committee. Ms Elaine Moreton agreed to accept the additional information from the applicant.

Copies of the additional documents were distributed to all parties by Kirsty Tuffin, Democratic Services Officer.

The Chair afforded all parties present the opportunity to question Mr Nagra in relation to his submission.

Mr Nagra responded to questions asked.

Sarah Hardwick referred to the email from West Midlands Police and pointed out that they had not made a relevant representation.

The applicant confirmed that he was happy to accept West Midlands Police conditions at Appendix 5. Mr Nagra advised that he wished to remove the request for late night refreshments and alcohol off the application.

The Chair invited the Licensing Authority to make representations. Mrs Elaine Moreton did so outlining representations detailed at Appendix 4.

The Chair invited all parties present to question the Licensing Authority in relation to its submission. Mrs Moreton provided responses to questions asked.

*Councillor Rita Potter left the Sub-Committee at 16:30pm.*

*Mrs Nagra, Business Partner of the applicant, re-joined the Licensing Sub-Committee.*

Sarah Hardwick, Senior Solicitor on behalf of the Council, advised that the hearing could continue with two Councillors and if it did so two would make a quorum but Councillor Potter would not be permitted to take part in the decision. Any decision needed to be evidenced based and it appeared clear that the parties had not had the opportunity discuss matters which may be helpful, in the circumstances. Regulation 11 of the Licensing Act (Hearings) Regulations provides that an authority may extend a time period for a specified period where it considers this to be necessary in the public interest. Regulation 12 continues that an authority may adjourn to a specified date. It was therefore proposed that rather than continue without Councillor Potter the matter be adjourned to a specified date allowing the parties the opportunity to discuss details of the application before the next meeting, in the public interest.

All parties agreed this way forward.

All interested parties, with the exception of the Lead Lawyer and the Democratic Services Officer, withdrew from the meeting to enable the Sub-Committee to determine the date for the Sub-Committee to re-convene.

All interested parties were invited back to the meeting and the Chair advised them that the Sub-Committee would re-convene on Wednesday 16 October.

Kirsty Tuffin advised the applicant that any relevant documentation can be submitted to herself up to the day before the Sub-Committee for the consideration of the Sub-Committee.

Resolved:

All parties confirmed they had no objections to the request and the Sub-Committee agreed to adjourn the hearing until Wednesday 16 October 2019.