

Minutes of the meeting of Licensing sub-committee held at online meeting on Friday 4 November 2022 at 10.30 am

Present: Councillor Paul Andrews (chairperson)
Councillors: Elizabeth Foxtan and Jeremy Milln

In attendance: Councillor Clare Davies (observer)

Officers: Licensing technical officer, Senior Solicitor, Litigation and Senior Lawyer, Major Projects and Governance

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllr Tony Johnson.

2. NAMED SUBSTITUTES (IF ANY)

Cllr Elizabeth Foxtan attended as a substitute for Cllr Tony Johnson.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

In respect of agenda item 4, Cllr Paul Andrews declared that the proposed designated premises supervisor, Mr Martin Oldham, was a passing acquaintance.

4. APPLICATION FOR AN OCCASIONAL GRANT OF A PREMISES LICENCE IN RESPECT OF 'TRESSECK CAMPSITE, HOARWITHY, HEREFORD, HR2 6QH- LICENSING ACT 2003

Members of the licensing sub-committee from the Council's Planning and Regulatory Committee considered the above application, full details of which appeared before the members in their agenda.

Prior to making their decision the Council's Licensing Officer presented the report which outlined the options available to the sub-committee. Representations had been received from West Mercia Police and Trading Standards. Both representations had been withdrawn following agreement of conditions to be applied to the licence. Two (2) relevant public representations had been received.

The sub-committee then heard from the applicant's representative that:

- the campsite had been a family run business for over 40 years;
- the operators prided themselves on running a safe, quiet and immaculately kept site and this was borne out by the many favourable reviews received;
- the terms and conditions of booking a pitch at the site made clear that unruly and anti-social behaviour would not be tolerated;
- there were patrols of the site in the evening to ensure noise was kept to a minimum;
- there had never been a need to call the emergency services to the site;
- there was a sturdy fence in place along the river bank and buoyancy aids were in place during the opening season of the site;

- there was no evidence that the licence would lead to increased noise or litter;
- there were recycling points in place for waste, plenty of bins and separate receptacles for glass;
- while the temporary bar had been in place a minimum of 5 staff were on site during its operation and no issues had been reported.

After a private discussion, the sub-committee agreed to adjourn to allow for a site visit to take place on 14 November 2022 at 11.00 am. This application would then be heard again on 16 November 2022 at 12:00pm.

The sub-committee carefully considered all the representations, reports and evidence before them. They have had regard to their duties under S4 of the Licensing Act and considered guidance issued under s182 of the Licensing Act 2003 and Herefordshire Council's Statement of Licensing Policy 2020 - 2025.

The meeting ended at 11.15 am

Chairperson