

MEETING:	REGULATORY SUB-COMMITTEE
DATE:	16 APRIL 2012
TITLE OF REPORT:	APPLICATION FOR VARIATION OF A PREMISES LICENCE 'CROWN & ANCHOR, LUGWARDINE, HEREFORD, HR1 4AB' – LICENSING ACT 2003
PORTFOLIO AREA:	HEALTH & WELLBEING

CLASSIFICATION: Open

Wards Affected

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Purpose

To consider an application for the variation of a premises licence in respect of 'Crown & Anchor, Lugwardine, Hereford, HR1 4AB'.

Key Decision

This is not a Key Decision.

Recommendation

THAT Sub-Committee determine the application with a view to promoting the licensing objectives in the overall interests of the local community. They should give appropriate weight to:

- The steps that are necessary to promote the licensing objectives,
- The representations (including supporting information) presented by all parties,
- The Guidance issued to local authorities under Section 182 of the Licensing Act 2003, and
- The Herefordshire Council Licensing Policy.

Key Points Summary

- **Sixteen (16)** relevant representation from members of the public
- **Three (3)** representations from Responsible Authorities (Police, Trading Standards & Environmental Health)

Options

- 1 a) Grant the licence subject to conditions that are consistent with the operating schedule accompanying the application and the mandatory conditions set out in the Licensing Act 2003,
- b) Grant the licence subject to modified conditions to that of the operating schedule where the committee considers it necessary for the promotion of the licensing objectives and add mandatory conditions set out in the Licensing Act 2003,
- c) To exclude from the scope of the licence any of the licensable activities to which the application relates,
- d) To refuse to specify a person in the licence as the premise supervisor, or
- e) To reject the application.

Reasons for Recommendations

- 2 Ensures compliance with the Licensing Act 2003.

Introduction and Background

3 Background Information

Applicant	Michael Clifford Crown & Anchor, Lugwardine, Hereford, HR1 4AB.	
Representative	N/A	
Type of application: Variation	Date received: 22/02/2012	28 Days consultation 21/03/2012

Licence Application

- 4 The application for a variation of the premises licence has received representation and is brought before the committee for determination.

Current Licence

- 5 The premises is currently licensed as follows: -

A performance of live music; Other entertainment
Sunday-Saturday: 19:00 - 23:00

Sale by retail of alcohol
Sunday-Thursday: 11:00 - 23:00

Friday-Saturday: 11:00 - 00:00

Non Standard Timings

A performance of live music on New Years Eve live music as described above will be scheduled to start at 19:00 and end at 02:00 the following morning.

Sale of Alcohol

11:00 New Years Eve - 03:00 New Years Day

11:00-00:00 on Sundays of bank holiday weekends, Christmas Eve and Boxing Day

Seasonal variations: None

Summary of Application

6 The application requests that the premises be licensed as follows:

Live Music, Recorded Music (Both Indoors and Outdoors)

All days: 12:00 – 23:59

Late Night Refreshment (Indoors and Outdoors)

Sunday – Thursday 23:00 – 23:30

Friday & Saturday 23:00 – 01:00

Supply of Alcohol (Both on & off premises)

Sunday – Thursday 11:00 – 23:30

Friday & Saturday 11:00 – 01:00

Non Standard Timings:

Live Music

Christmas Eve 19:00 – 01:00 & New Years Eve 19:00 – 03:00

Recorded Music

Christmas Eve 09:00 – 01:00 & New Years Eve 19:00 – 06:00

Late Night Refreshment

Christmas Eve 11:00 – 23:59 & New Years Eve 16:00 – 03:00

Supply of Alcohol

Christmas Eve 11:00 – 23:59 & New Years Eve 11:00 – 03:00

Seasonal variations: None

Summary of Representations

7 A copy of the representations can be found within the background papers.

8 In total 44 **members of the public made representation** to the application. Of these **16** were considered to be relevant representations with the terms of the Licensing Act 2003 and the Herefordshire Council Licensing Policy. 28 were rejected.

Three (3) from Responsible Authorities (Trading Standards, the Police and Environmental Health. **The police and trading standards conditions have been accepted**)

Key Considerations

- 9 To consider what action should be taken, if any, to promote the four licensing objectives in accordance with the recommendation.

Community Impact

- 10 The granting of the licence as applied for may have an impact on the Community.

Legal Implications

- 11 The Committee should be aware of a number of stated cases which have appeared before the Administrative Court and are binding on the Licensing Authority.

- 12 The case of Daniel Thwaites Plc v Wirral Borough Magistrates' Court (Case No: CO/5533/2006) at the High Court of Justice Queen's Bench Division Administrative Court on 6 May 2008, [2008] EWHC 838 (Admin), 2008 WL 1968943, Before the Honourable Mrs Justice Black.

In this case it was summed up that: -

- 13 A licensing authority must have regard to guidance issued by the Secretary of State under section 182. Licensing authorities may depart from it if they have reason to do so but will need to give full reasons for their actions.

- 14 Furthermore the Thwaites case established that only conditions should be attached to a licence with a view to promoting the Licensing objectives and that 'real evidence' must be presented to support the reason for imposing these conditions.

- 15 This judgement is further supported in the case of The Queen on the Application of Bristol Council v Bristol Magistrates' Court, CO/6920/2008 High Court of Justice Queen's Bench Division The Administrative Court, 24 February 2009, [2009] EWHC 625 (Admin) 2009 WL 648859 in which it was said:

'Licensing authorities should only impose conditions which are necessary and proportionate for the promotion for licensing objectives'.

In addition to this it was stated that any condition attached to the licence should be an enforceable condition.

- 16 Schedule 5 gives a right of appeal to: -

Rejection of applications relating to premises licences

1 Where a licensing authority—

- (a) rejects an application for a premises licence under section 18,
 - (b) rejects (in whole or in part) an application to vary a premises licence under section 35,
 - (c) rejects an application to vary a premises licence to specify an individual as the premises supervisor under section 39, or
 - (d) rejects an application to transfer a premises licence under section 44,
- the applicant may appeal against the decision.

Decision to grant premises licence or impose conditions etc.

- 2(1) This paragraph applies where a licensing authority grants a premises licence under section 18.
- (2) The holder of the licence may appeal against any decision—
- (a) to impose conditions on the licence under subsection (2)(a) or (3)(b) of that section, or
- (b) to take any step mentioned in subsection (4)(b) or (c) of that section (exclusion of licensable activity or refusal to specify person as premises supervisor).
- (3) Where a person who made relevant representations in relation to the application desires to contend—
- (a) that the licence ought not to have been granted, or
- (b) that, on granting the licence, the licensing authority ought to have imposed different or additional conditions, or to have taken a step mentioned in subsection (4)(b) or (c) of that section,
- he may appeal against the decision.
- (4) In sub-paragraph (3) “relevant representations” has the meaning given in section 18(6).
- 17 Section 9 states that any such appeal must be made to a Magistrates Court for the area in which the premises are situated within 21 days of notification of the decision.

Consultees

- 18 Responsible authorities and persons living within the vicinity or with a business interest within the vicinity of the premises.
- 19 A copy of the application was served on the responsible authorities. This was backed up by an email sent to them by the Licensing Authority.
- 20 The notice of application was displayed on the premises prior to the start of the consultation period and for a period of 28 days. In addition, notice of the application was required to be published in a newspaper which was circulated within the vicinity of the premises.
- 21 The applicant has produced a copy of the advertisement which is only correct in part. There is no reference made to any of the licensable activities being outdoors. In respect of Non Standard Timings it states ‘On Christmas Eve 11-00 2359 On New Years Eve 1100 – 0300.

Appendices

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- a. Application Form
 - b. Public Representations
 - c. Police Representation
 - d. Trading Standards Representation
 - e. Environmental Health Representation

Background Papers

Background papers are available for inspection in the Assembly Hall, Town Hall, Hereford, 30 minutes before the start of the hearing.