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KIRKLEES COUNCIL

LICENSING PANEL

Tuesday 29th August 2017

Present:

Councillor Cathy Scott
Councillor Karen Allison
Councillor Manisha Roma Kaushik

Apologies:

In attendance:

Co-optees

Observers:

1 Site Visit - Hepworth Football Club

A site visit to Far Lane, Hepworth, was undertaken prior to the start of the meeting.

2 Appointment of the Chair

Councillor Cathy Scott was appointed to the position of Chair for today's meeting.

3 Minutes of Previous Meeting

That the minutes of the meeting held on 3 July 2017 be agreed as a correct record.

4 Interests

No interests were declared.

5 Admission of the Public

The Panel considered the exclusion of the public and determined that today's item be considered in public session.

6 Deputations/Petitions

No deputations or petitions were received.

7 Public Question Time

No questions were received.

8 Application for the GRANT of a Premises Licence at Hepworth Football Club, Far Lane, Hepworth, Holmfirth, HD9 1TL

The Panel considered an application for the granting of a premises licence for the new Hepworth Football Club premises, which are under construction at present, which had been advertised in accordance with the requirements of the Licensing Act 2003.

It was also noted that, prior to the start of the meeting, members of the Panel had undertaken a site visit to Far Lane, Hepworth.

The Chair invited Anwar Butt, Licensing Officer, Kirklees Council, to outline the application. The Panel was advised that the original application was for the following licensable activities and timings:

The Supply of Alcohol		
Monday	17:00	23:00
Tuesday	17:00	23:00
Wednesday	17:00	23:00
Thursday	17:00	23:00
Friday	12:00	23:00
Saturday	12:00	23:00
Sunday	12:00	23:00

	Recorded Music		Hours of Opening	
Monday	17:00	23:00	12:00	23:00
Tuesday	17:00	23:00	12:00	23:00
Wednesday	17:00	23:00	12:00	23:00
Thursday	17:00	23:00	12:00	23:00
Friday	12:00	23:00	12:00	23:00
Saturday	12:00	23:00	12:00	23:00
Sunday	12:00	23:00	12:00	23:00

Mr Butt confirmed that no comments or responses had been received from the consultees. However, the Council had received 17 representations from residents, plus representations from the local Ward Councillors.

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The Chair then invited the applicant(s) to outline the reasons for the application. The applicant explained that, following consideration of the representations made, they wanted to revise the times requested in their application, as follows:-

The Supply of Alcohol		
Monday	17:00	22:00
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Friday	17:00	23:00
Saturday	12:00	23:00
Sunday	12:00	22:00

	Recorded Music		Hours of Opening	
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Friday	17:00	23:00	17:00	23:00
Saturday	12:00	23:00	12:00	23:00
Sunday	12:00	22:00	12:00	22:00

In summary, the case presented by the applicant highlighted that:-

- The club was relocating from its current premises in the centre of Hepworth village, which had held a licence for the above activities on Mondays to Saturdays 10:00am until midnight, and 12:00 until 11:30 on a Sunday.
- The amended hours within the revised application for the new premises were similar to those of other licenced premises in Hepworth and that other sports clubs in the Holme Valley. Some of these were also located close to and/or within residential areas
- The club required the flexibility and hours to potentially open every day to accommodate the dates and times for the variety of league and cup football matches, the dates and times of which are subject to change at short notice. Plus, the revised hours would allow the premises to be open after training matches and to show high profile televised football matches. The applicant explained that it was not their intention to use the licensing hours to their full potential.
- The development of the new club house would provide for at least 53 car parking spaces and the club would have a car park management plan.
- The football club had never been contacted by the police or the council about any anti-social behaviour or any matters of concern regarding its current premises.

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The Chair invited a number of objectors to summarise their representations. In summary, the objections were:-

- Residents were concerned that if the licence was granted it could send the wrong message to children that drinking and driving was acceptable.
- The location of the new club house on Far Lane, as there are no pavements on the unlit road, and trees around the site can restrict the views of drivers.
- Parking around the area can be a problem, making it difficult for some residents to get in and out of their properties.
- Concerns that there would not be enough parking spaces in the new car park, and this could result in cars parking on the street. This congestion could be exacerbated if players and spectators choose to stay on those days when more than one match is due to take place and/or those matches take place in quick succession.
- The quiet and rural location of the site and the potential for excessive noise emanating from the club house or the grounds.
- The condition within the planning permission for the new building was that the site would be vacated by 2300, which may not be possible if drinks were served up to that time.

Following careful consideration of all the information presented, both verbally and in writing, the Panel went on to consider a decision and:-

RESOLVED – That the application to grant a premises licence be granted on the basis of the following amendments:-

“The supply of alcohol, recorded music and hours of opening on:-

Monday to Thursday - 1700 to 2200

Friday - 1700-2300

Saturday - 1200-2300

Sunday - 1200-2200