

LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE
11th June, 2013

Present:- Councillor Wootton (in the Chair); Councillors Barron and Swift.

CLUB/PREMISES CERTIFICATE (LICENSING ACT 2003) - BOW BROOM SOCIAL CENTRE, 88 THOMAS STREET, SWINTON

Consideration was given to an application for a premises licence under the Licensing Act 2003, in respect of the premises known as the Bow Broom Social Centre, 88 Thomas Street, Swinton.

The Licensing Authority received representations which were not withdrawn and the Sub-Committee considered those representations.

The Applicants provided some background information as to their reasons for wanting to re-open this establishment, their intended use of the building and their attempts to address some of the concerns that had been raised by local residents relating to insufficient car parking, public nuisance caused by previous noise and live music at the premises, people standing outside, swearing and fighting by patrons of this establishment and the locally circulated petition.

Questions to the Applicants by the Sub-Committee included issues relating to sale of alcohol, playing of recorded music, the need to be a good neighbour, awareness of the Licensing objectives, installation of C.C.T.V., public safety, the protection of children from harm, sound proofing with the provision of double doors to the entrance to the beer garden and erection of public notices.

Questions to the Applicants by local residents included issues relating to car parking, number of complaints about these premises, use of experienced bar staff, use and clarification of the premises and the lack of contact with immediate neighbours.

The Objectors to the application were four local residents.

The representations from local residents were considered and concerns were raised about the potential for noise and disturbance, previous noise issues relating to loud music and rowdy patrons, hours of opening and patron migration in the early hours, public safety, noise disturbance, unwanted facility, why the applicant could not pursue his other option of a residential property, gangs of underage drinkers, young people playing football and past experiences with the running of this club.

Both the Applicants and Objectors were given the opportunity to sum-up their representations.

The case for the Applicants' side made reference to the public perception and reputation of the club under previous poor management, the adherence with the licensing objectives, the view that should a license be granted the anti-social elements of the club would not continue as it had in the past and the efforts to eradicate the concerns already raised under new management, which should be alleviated further with the closing time of 11.00 p.m.

In summing up, the case for the Objectors' side made reference to the previous levels of noise that emanated from the premises and around the beer garden, along with inconsiderate parking and the protection of children from harm.

Members gave due consideration to the application for the premises licence and the conditions that the premises licence holder had volunteered.

Resolved:- (1) That the variation to Premises Licence be granted with a Licensed time of 10.00 a.m. and a premises closing time of 11.00 p.m., with the exception of New Year's Eve of 1.00 a.m.

(2) That C.C.T.V. be installed with cameras specifically located for the inside/outside entrances and beer garden.

(3) That double doors be installed to the entrance to the beer garden.

(4) That all fire risk assessments be put in place and kept up-to-date and that all fire fighting equipment be maintained and certified.

(5) That notices be displayed advising customers of the need to reduce noise when leaving the premises.

(6) That during the playing of live/recorded music all windows and doors remain closed.

(7) That no glass or bottles be taken outside and that all drinks must be in plastic containers.

(8) That the Challenge 25 proof of age scheme be adopted and a refusal book be completed.

(9) That children be supervised by an adult over the age of eighteen at all times, with children under the age of sixteen off the premises by 10.00 p.m.