

Decision Schedule

Licensing Sub-Committee



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The Licensing Sub-Committee took the following decisions on **17th January 2023**, which became effective immediately.

Councillors: Kate Thomas (Chair), Allan Morris and Janet Cleverly

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Review of Premises License under Section 51 Licensing Act 2003, The Scrum Half, 111 Chepstow Road, Newport. NP19 8BZ

Decision

The Licensing Sub Committee carefully considered the Licensing Manager's report together with the results of the mediation between the License Holder and the Police as the Responsible Authority. The Licensing Sub Committee had some concerns regarding the License Holder's ability to ensure that the issues of the previous tenants were not repeated but understood that the Responsible Authority and Licensing team were working with the Licence Holder to help prevent this.

The Licensing Sub Committee agreed to the licence amendment recommendations from the Police and noted that the venue would be monitored closely by the Licensing team and Responsible Authorities.

The amendments to the Premises License are as follows:

- The removal of all management team from the licence premises and that all management / staff cease having any involvement with the licence premises.
- The Designated Premises Supervisor (DPS) be removed from the premises licence and replaced with a new DPS.
- That all Licensing activities cease at 23:30hrs and the premises to close at 00:00hrs unless New Year's Eve when Licensing Activities can continue till 02:30hrs and close at 3:00am.

The Licensing Sub Committee wished to remind the License Holder that there were stronger sanctions available to the panel and hoped that the Licence Holder would take an active role in ensuring that there will be no further license breaches. There is a clear expectation from the Licensing Sub Committee that the premises ensure it promotes the four licensing objectives.

Review of Premises License under Section 51 Licensing Act 2003, The Pod, Rodney Road, Newport NP19 0AD

Decision

The Licensing Sub Committee carefully considered the Licensing Manager's report together with the Environmental Officers report and the License Holder's and Designated Premises Supervisor's mitigation. The Licensing Sub Committee also considered its own licensing policy alongside the Home Office Licensing Act 2003 guidance specifically around the licensing objective of the Prevention of Public Nuisance.

The Licensing Sub Committee acknowledged that the managers of the venue had put adequate precautions in place once learning of the complaints and appeared to be willing to work cooperatively with the Environmental Health and Licensing team, but also acknowledged that the location of the premises was within a residential area.

The Licensing Sub Committee stated that they had a duty to be mindful of the residents but understood that the venue was a safe venue with no representations being made by the Police and the representations included within the report by "other persons" being positive. The Licensing Sub Committee hoped it will continue to be one of Newport's successful businesses.

The Licensing Sub Committee agreed that the Premises Licence would be amended as follows:

Condition 9 would be amended to include the following sentence:

"Live music should only take place between 11:00hrs and 22:30hrs"

Condition 11 would be amended to include the following sentence:

"No external speakers should be located in the outside area; this includes speakers for Live TV broadcast".

The Licensing Sub Committee also required the venue to liaise with the Licensing team to agree on an appropriate level for recorded music to be played.

It was noted by the Licensing Sub Committee that there is potential for nuisance from the outside area at the venue, and that the outside area did not form part of the current licensable area. The Licensing Sub Committee recommended that the Licence holder contacts the Council Planning department for planning advice alongside the Council Licensing Team and Environmental Health regarding this area in light of Covid regulations being withdrawn as indicated within the report.