

Licensing Sub-Committee

MINUTES of the OPEN section of the Licensing Sub-Committee held on Monday 13 February 2012 at 10.00 am at Ground Floor Meeting Room G01A - 160 Tooley Street, London SE1 2QH

PRESENT: Councillor Sunil Chopra (Chair)
Councillor Linda Manchester
Councillor Eliza Mann

OFFICER SUPPORT: David Swaby, Licensing officer
David Perry, Legal officer
Everton Roberts, Constitutional officer

1. APOLOGIES

There were no apologies for absence.

2. CONFIRMATION OF VOTING MEMBERS

The members listed as present were confirmed as the voting members for the meeting.

3. NOTIFICATION OF ANY ITEMS OF BUSINESS WHICH THE CHAIR DEEMS URGENT

The chair gave notice that the following late item would be considered for reasons of urgency to be specified in the relevant minute:

Item 7 – Licensing Act 2003 Temporary Event Notice: Las Congas, 3 Southwark Street, SE1 1RQ

4. DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS AND DISPENSATIONS

There were no disclosures of interests or dispensations.

5. LICENSING ACT 2003 - APPLICATION FOR A PERSONAL LICENCE

This item was withdrawn.

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7. LICENSING ACT 2003 TEMPORARY EVENT NOTICE: LAS CONGAS, 3 SOUTHWARK STREET, SE1 1RQ

This item had not been circulated five clear working days in advance of the meeting. The chair agreed to accept the item as urgent as the timescales for considering temporary event notices is set out in legislation as not less than 24 hours before the beginning of the event period, additionally, where possible, more than five working days should be given to allow the appropriate party time to appeal the decision.

Neither the applicant or the police attended the sub-committee hearing.

The licensing officer presented his report. The sub-committee members had questions for the officer.

The sub-committee noted the contents of the objection notice given by the police.

The meeting went into closed session to consider the application. The licensing officer and the public left the meeting.

The sub-committee considered the evidence and came to a decision.

At 10.35am the licensing officer and the public were readmitted to the meeting and informed of the sub-committees decision as follows:

RESOLVED:

That a counter notice not be issued in respect of a temporary event notice given by Mr Francisco Javier Londono, concerning an event to be held at Las Congas, 3 Southwark Street, London SE1 1RQ.

Reasons

The sub-committee did not feel that the objection notice contained sufficient evidence of a specific problem of crime and disorder related to the premises.

The sub-committee noted there was no evidence of a history of problems or breaches of conditions.

The sub-committee did not believe there was evidence that this event would undermine the crime prevention objective and decided not to issue a counter notice.

Appeal rights

Where the relevant counter notice under Section 105(3) is given, the premises user may

appeal against the decision. Where a counter notice is not given, the chief officer of the police may appeal against that decision. The appeal must be made to the magistrates' court within a period of 21 days beginning with the day on which the applicant was notified by the licensing authority of the decision to be appealed against. No appeal may be brought later than five working days before the day on which the event begins.

The meeting ended at 10.50am

CHAIR:

DATED: