

Licensing Sub-Committee

MINUTES of the OPEN section of the Licensing Sub-Committee held on Thursday 17 January 2013 at 10.00 am at Ground Floor Meeting Room G01C - 160 Tooley Street, London SE1 2QH

PRESENT: Councillor Lorraine Lauder MBE (Chair)
Councillor David Hubber
Councillor The Right Revd Emmanuel Oyewole

OTHERS PRESENT: Wendy Pooley, applicant
Marie Grehan, applicant

OFFICER SUPPORT: Debra Allday, legal officer
Roy Fielding, licensing officer
Bill Masini, trading standards officer
Andrew Weir, constitutional officer

1. APOLOGIES

There were apologies for absence from Councillor Sunil Chopra.

2. CONFIRMATION OF VOTING MEMBERS

The three members present were confirmed as voting members. In the absence of the chair, Councillor Lorraine Lauder was nominated to chair the meeting by Councillor David Hubber. This was seconded by Councillor The Right Reverend Emmanuel Oyewole.

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

There were none.

4. DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS AND DISPENSATIONS

There were none.

5. LICENSING ACT 2003 - THE GOOD INTENT, 24 EAST STREET, LONDON SE17 2DN

The licensing officer introduced his report. Members had no questions for the licensing officer.

The applicant addressed the sub-committee. Members had questions for the applicant.

The sub-committee heard from the the trading standards officer. Members had no questions for the trading standards officer.

The sub-committee went into closed session at 11.00am.

The sub-committee resumed at 11.35am and the chair read out the decision of the sub-committee.

RESOLVED:

The council's licensing sub-committee, having reconsidered the decision made on 24 July 2012 following the application of a review by the council's trading standards made under Section 51 of the Licensing Act 2003 in respect of the premises known as The Good Intent, 24 East Street, London SE17 2DN and having had regard also to all other relevant representations decided to withdraw the revocation made by the licensing sub-committee on 24 July 2012.

Conditions

The following additional conditions shall apply:

1. That clearly legible crime prevention notices will be prominently displayed.
2. Ashtrays shall not be placed within the premises except where an area is not enclosed, or substantially enclosed, as defined in regulations under the Health Act 2006.
3. That signs shall be displayed within the premises that state "Drugs Free Zone".
4. An incident log shall be kept at the premises detailing any problems relating to crime and disorder at the premises.
5. That the rear gates leading out of the rear smoking area are fitted with a fire door type push bar lock and are kept shut and fitted with an alarm to alert staff if the doors are opened.
6. That an anti-drugs policy for the premises is developed and introduced, in conjunction with the Metropolitan Police Service and the Southwark anti-social behaviour unit.
7. Staff are trained in the anti-drugs policy, smoke-free legislation and the Licensing Act 2003 and records of the dates and names of staff trained and the training notes kept.

Reasons

The licensing sub-committee re-considered its decision to revoke the premises license of the Good Intent made on 24 July 2012. The sub-committee revoked the licence due to the sale of substituted Smirnoff vodka, the non-duty paid cigarettes being sold on the premises, counterfeit and unclassified DVDs (including pornographic DVDs), and also smoking and gambling in the premises. This also resulted in the previous designated premises supervisor being successfully prosecuted.

On 22 August 2012 a new licence was issued following an application to transfer the licence to the current holder, Marie Grehan. In October 2012 Wendy Pooley became the designated premises supervisor.

Since these changes there has been a significant improvement in the running of the premises. An inspection carried out by the licensing team in September 2012 found the premises to be operating in full compliance with the terms and conditions of the licence.

Trading standards have withdrawn their representation made at the original review hearing on 24 July 2012. Whilst this committee is pleased with these improvements, it is felt that additional conditions are required to ensure the premises continues to be fully complied with and that the licensing objectives are promoted.

Appeal rights

The sub-committee noted that there is an ongoing appeal at the magistrates court to which this decision could also be subject.

The meeting closed at 11.40am.

CHAIR:

DATED: