

Licensing Sub-Committee

MINUTES of the OPEN section of the Licensing Sub-Committee held on Thursday 12 May 2011 at 10.00 am at Town Hall, Peckham Road, London SE5 8UB

PRESENT: Councillor Althea Smith
Councillor Michael Mitchell (Chair)
Councillor Norma Gibbes

OTHERS PRESENT: Mr Adekunle Adejumo, licensee
Ms Mendes, bar manager
Cary Grant, legal representative for Planet Nollywood
PC Paul Compton

OFFICER SUPPORT: Jayne Tear, Licensing Officer
Dorcas Mills, Licensing Officer
David Perry, Legal Officer
Sean Usher, Constitutional Officer

1. APOLOGIES

There were none.

2. CONFIRMATION OF VOTING MEMBERS

The three members present were confirmed as voting members. In the absence of the chair of the licensing committee, Councillor Michael Mitchell was nominated and appointed as chair for this sub-committee.

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 - PLANET NOLLYWOOD, 319 CAMBERWELL ROAD, LONDON SE5 0HQ

The licensing officer presented her report. Members had questions for the officer.

The police presented their application for a review of the premises. Members had questions. The legal representative of the licensee had questions for the police.

The licensee and his legal representative and the bar manager of the premises addressed the sub-committee and asked for permission to operate on 2 nights even if the premises was closed. Members had questions for the licensee, the legal representative and the bar manager. The police had questions for the licensee.

All parties were given 5 minutes to sum up.

At 11.04am the meeting went into closed session to discuss the application.

At 11.29am the meeting resumed and the chair read out the following decision.

RESOLVED:

The council's Licensing Sub-Committee, having had regard to the application made by the Commissioner of Police for the Metropolis under Section 53a of the Licensing Act 2003 for an expedited review of the premises licence issued to Adekunle Adejumo in respect of the premises known as Planet Nollywood, situated at 319 Camberwell Road, London, SE5, has decided it necessary to take the following interim steps for the promotion of the licensing objectives:

Suspend the licence until June 6 2011.

Reasons

The reasons for the decision are, as follows:

The licensing sub-committee heard representations from the police and the licensee, his legal representative and his bar manager. The bar manager also acts as a promoter and organiser of a Salsa night at the premises.

The sub-committee were satisfied that a serious incident of crime and disorder took place at the premises on 6 May 2011, in particular a person entered the premises with 2 loaded firearms.

The sub-committee was also satisfied that there had been previous incidents of crime and disorder at or connected with the premises.

The sub-committee considered that it was necessary and proportionate to suspend the premises licence in order to promote the licensing objectives, in particular the prevention of crime and disorder, with immediate effect.

The sub-committee was not satisfied that the steps proposed by the licence holder were sufficient to ensure that their 2 proposed Salsa nights could take place without a risk of crime and disorder taking place and therefore rejects the licence holders request that the premises be allowed to open on those 2 occasions (14 May and 28 May 2011).

Appeal Rights

This decision takes effect immediately.

- a) The premises licence holder may make representations against the interim steps taken by the Licensing Authority.
- b) On receipt of the representation the Licensing Authority will hold a hearing with 48 hours of receipt.
- c) The full review hearing is scheduled for the 6 June 2011.

The meeting closed at 11.35am.

CHAIR:

DATED: