

Licensing Sub Committee

Monday, 30 October 2023

Present: Councillor M Thirlaway (Chair)
Councillors W Lott and F Lott

LS16/23 Appointment of Chair

Resolved that Councillor Thirlaway be appointed Chair for the meeting.

LS17/23 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest reported.

LS18/23 Low Quay Brew Co, 3 Northumberland Street, North Shields, NE30 1DS

The Sub-committee met to consider an application for the grant of a new Premises Licence in respect of Low Quay Brew Co, 3 Northumberland Street, North Shields, NE30 1DS.

The Applicant, Ralbos Limited, sought the grant of a premises licence to:

- Permit the supply of alcohol (on and off the premises), the provision of films (indoors), the provision of live and recorded music as follows:

Sunday to Thursday from 12:00 to 23:00

Friday and Saturday from 12:00 to 00:00

- The provision of late-night refreshment (on and off the premises):

Friday and Saturday from 23:00 to 00:00

- The premises to remain open as follows:

Sunday to Thursday from 12:00 to 23:30

Friday and Saturday from 12:00 to 00:30

Following introductions the Sub-committee's legal advisor outlined the procedure to be followed at the hearing.

As a preliminary issue the Sub-committee was asked to consider whether 3 Northumberland Street was the correct address for the applicant's premises. Having heard from all parties the Sub Committee confirmed that it was content to proceed with the hearing.

Ms Vert, Licensing Officer, presented details of the application, the representations received and the options available to the Sub-committee.

Mr Barrett, resident, presented details of his objection to the application and responded to questions from members of the Sub-committee.

Ms Dixon, resident, explained that she agreed with the information provided by Mr Barrett.

Ms Swindale, resident, presented details of her objection to the application and responded to questions from members of the Sub-committee.

Mr Nef, resident, presented details of his objection to the application and responded to questions from members of the Sub-committee.

Mr Arnot, Solicitor for the applicant, accompanied by Mr Good, Ms Sword and Mr Taylor of the applicant company, presented details of the application and responded to questions from the members of the Sub-committee and the residents.

All parties were given the opportunity of summing up their respective case and the Sub-committee retired to make its decision.

All parties were invited back into the meeting and the Chair announced the Sub-committee's decision.

Resolved that the application for the grant of a new premises licence as applied for be approved subject to the following conditions.

1. The premises shall operate as a brewery and tap room.
2. The Premises Licence holder shall ensure there will be no change to the operating style of the premises without written notice to the Licensing Authority, which shall include details of the proposed changes to the operation style. The Licensing Authority shall advise within 21 days whether a formal application for a full or minor variation or a new licence is required and the premises' licence holder shall comply with that direction.
3. The Premises Licence holder shall ensure the number of tables and chairs shown on the Licence plan shall not be reduced in order to promote the seated consumption of alcohol.
4. The Premises Licence Holder shall ensure a CCTV system shall be installed and maintained in proper working order at the premises. Such system shall:-
 - 4.1 Be operated by properly trained staff.
 - 4.2 Be in operation at all times the premises are open to the public.
 - 4.3 Ensure coverage of all public entrances and exits to the premises.
 - 4.4 Ensure coverage of all areas to which the public have access except toilet facilities.
 - 4.5 Provide continuous recording facilities for each camera to be a good standard of clarity, such recordings to be retained for 28 days, and to be supplied to the Licensing Authority, including trading standards, or the Police immediately on request.
 - 4.6 Footage shall be capable of being easily downloaded to a portable format.
5. The Premises Licence holder shall ensure a refusals and incident register shall be kept at the premises and shall be maintained at all times. Entries in the register shall be monitored by the Designated Premises Supervisor on a regular basis. The aforementioned record shall be made available for inspection by the Police or an authorised employee of the

Licensing Authority, including trading standards, immediately on request.

6. The Premises Licence Holder shall ensure all staff shall be trained in respect of their responsibilities under the Licensing Act 2003 and such training shall be recorded, kept at the premises and such records shall be retained and made available for inspection by the Police or an authorised employee of the Licensing Authority, including trading standards, immediately upon request. Refresher training shall be provided on an annual basis.
7. The Premises Licence holder shall adopt a written safeguarding policy.
8. All relevant members of staff shall be trained in their responsibilities in respect of the safeguarding policy and shall receive refresher training on an annual basis. Such training shall be noted as part of their training record.
9. The Premises Licence holder shall ensure when door staff are deployed at the premises a record shall be kept of each individual door person working at the premise. This record shall be kept at the premises for a minimum of three months and shall include a copy of the individual's SIA and photographic ID. This record shall be made immediately available for inspection by a Police Officer or authorised Officer of the Licensing Authority, including trading standards.
10. The premises will operate an age verification scheme, whereby any individual seeking to purchase alcohol who appears to be under 25 years of age will be required to produce photographic ID which will be either be a photographic driving licence, valid passport, HM Forces ID card, or a proof of age card carrying a 'Pass' logo and hologram . The premises shall display signage advising customers of the operation of such a scheme at the entrance to the premises and within the premises.

11. No noise associated with a licensable activity from within the Premises shall be audible beyond the boundary of the Premises so as to cause a nuisance. The Premises Licence holder shall engage with Environmental Health with regards to this condition and shall follow their advice as and when given.

12. The external area shall be closed to and clear of customers by 21:00 hours.

13. No person under the age of 18 shall be permitted to enter or remain on the premises after 21:00 hours.

14. A notice shall be prominently displayed at the exits to the premises asking customers to leave quietly.

Reason for Decision:

The Sub-committee considered that with a combination of the conditions offered by the applicant and the further conditions imposed by the Sub-committee the licensing objectives would be sufficiently promoted to address the concerns around the application.