

LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE
19th June, 2006

PRESENT – Councillors Flowers, Hartley and Maybrey (3)

APOLOGIES – None.

LS1. ELECTION OF CHAIR – RESOLVED – That Councillor Hartley be appointed Chair for this meeting only.

LS2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – There were no declarations of interest reported at the meeting.

LS3. PREMISES LICENCE APPLICATION –GRANT – Hurworth Village Hall - The Director of Environment submitted a report (previously circulated) giving details of a contested application from Hurworth Village Hall, Church Row, Hurworth on Tees, Darlington to grant a Premises Licence.

Mr. Gent and Mrs. Jackson addressed the meeting and responded to Members' questions. The applicant also responded to the 'points of clarification' highlighted in the submitted report. Mr. Smith, making representations addressed the meeting also.

The Sub-Committee considered the views of the objectors and the applicant in accordance with the "Licensing Sub-Committees – Full Hearing Procedure for Applications for Personal Licences Where Representations Have Been Received.

RESOLVED – That the application be granted for regulated entertainment between 8.00 a.m. and 11.30 p.m. Monday to Sunday, subject to the following conditions :-

- (a) The admission of children to film exhibitions must be limited to those films classified as suitable for children by the film classification body. Where no classification has been made the licence holder must approach the Licensing Authority who will then classify the film. The same restriction will then apply.
- (b) The Management Committee will, through a written hiring agreement, require all hirers holding licensable activities to comply with all rules and regulations specified for hirers in the operating schedule to promote the four licensing objectives. All hirers will be provided with a copy of the Operating Schedule and Licence conditions and maximum capacities and have their attention drawn to any areas that specifically affect their function. Any functions organised by the Management Committee will be subject to the same rules and regulations.
- (c) Contact telephone numbers for Committee Members will be available on the premises and will be displayed in such a manner that they can be read from outside of the building.
- (d) The Management Committee shall carry out a fire safety risk assessment annually and record the results and carry out a general risk assessment of the premises every two years and record the results.

- (e) A 'Safety Log Book' will be kept and record checks made before each event of fire exits, emergency lighting, presence of fire fighting equipment etc.
- (f) Notices will be prominently displayed detailing the action to be taken in case of fire or other emergency in the entrance hall and each meeting room.
- (g) Clear and legible notices shall be displayed at exit points requesting that all patrons leave quietly and have consideration for local residents.
- (h) No children shall be allowed on the premises unless accompanied by adult supervisor.
- (i) There shall be a minimum of 3 competent persons over the age of 18 years to supervise all events involving children. Where the event is predominantly for children under the age of 16 years there shall be additional supervision in the ratio 1:50.
- (j) The premises will not be used for any form of adult entertainment of a sexual nature.
- (k) An event manager or supervisor will be available during recorded or live music events to respond immediately to complaints.
- (l) Regular noise checks shall be undertaken during licensable activities.
- (m) Live or recorded music events will be limited to a maximum of 8 per year.
- (n) Music will cease 30 minutes before the end of the permitted operating hours.
- (o) Doors and windows will be managed during events to ensure that noise does not escape from the building.
- (p) The Management Committee shall inform adjacent properties, in writing, of forthcoming events, as soon as practicable.
- (q) Any event involving the sale or supply of alcohol will be dealt with by a Temporary Event Notice.

In making its decision the Sub-Committee took into account the representations made by the Interested Party particularly in relation to the licensing objective concerned with the prevention of Public Nuisance in the area.