

LICENSING SUB COMMITTEE

25 NOVEMBER 2014

Present: Councillor K Crout (Chair)
Councillors P Jeffree and M Mills

Also present: Mr A Potts (Jimmy Spices)

Officers: Licensing Officer
Solicitor
Committee and Scrutiny Officer

13 COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP/ELECTION OF A CHAIR

The Committee and Scrutiny Officer confirmed that the Sub-Committee would comprise Councillors Crout, Jeffree and Mills.

The Sub-Committee was asked to elect a Chair for the Hearing.

RESOLVED –

that Councillor Crout be elected Chair for this Hearing.

14 DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS (IF ANY)

There were no disclosures of interest.

15 REVIEW OF PREMISES LICENCE: JIMMY'S WORLD GRILL AND BAR, 134 HIGH STREET, WATFORD, WD17 2EN

The Sub-Committee received a report from the Head of Community and Customer Services setting out details of an application for a review of the Premises Licence for Jimmy's World Grill and Bar, situated at 134 High Street, Watford. The application had been submitted by a local resident and three representations from interested parties had been submitted in support of the review.

The Licensing Officer informed the Sub-Committee that since the publication of the report conditions had been agreed between the Applicant and the premises' representative. The additional conditions had also been accepted by two of the interested parties. A representative from the premises had reported that they had spoken to the third interested party and she had also accepted the conditions and wished to withdraw her application. The Licensing Officer circulated the agreed conditions.

Mr Potts, the Solicitor for Jimmy's World Grill and Bar, confirmed that the conditions were as agreed by the Applicant and the premises' representatives. He added that the Manager had already provided the premises' contact details to local residents.

The Licensing Officer stated that the conditions regarding notices and contact numbers had already been put in place. Photographs were circulated as confirmation. The staff had signed to confirm they understood the new conditions. Any member of staff who in the future was found to have breached the conditions would be disciplined in line with the company's procedures. The photographs also included pictures of the new external doors to the bin store, as required by conditions. He highlighted the point that the door had no ventilation holes in it, as if there were holes any sound would be able to escape.

There were no questions for the Licensing Officer.

The Chair invited Mr Potts to speak on behalf of Jimmy's World Grill and Bar.

Mr Potts said that he wished to thank the Licensing Officer and his team for helping to find a solution and it had not been necessary to have a full review hearing. He added that he would ensure the premises' Manager contacted the Applicant and maintained a regular dialogue. He advised that lorries needed access to the rear of the premises and the drivers would be asked to navigate as quietly as possible. He noted that other premises also required heavy goods vehicles to access the rear of their premises. He asked the Sub-Committee that if the conditions were to be approved, the word 'should' ought to be changed to 'shall'.

The Licensing Officer commented that when constructing the conditions officers had wanted to ensure that the bin store door was kept closed. He added that there had been issues with the development for some time. The review application had helped to focus everyone's minds on a solution. The agreed conditions would be of benefit to all premises within the development.

The Chair announced the decision. In addition he said that he was pleased that 'bridges' had been built between the premises and local residents. He asked that the Sub-Committee's thanks were passed on to the management for their help in resolving residents' concerns.

RESOLVED –

that the following conditions, which are in line with licensing policies be approved for addition to the Premises Licence for Jimmy's World Grill and Bar –

1. Notices shall be prominently displayed throughout the premises, particularly within the bar and kitchen areas, and next to the goods lift (both on the first floor and ground floor), advising staff in a clear and legible format that no refuse is to be emptied after 9.00pm on any day, no

glasses/bottles can be emptied within the bin store at any time, and that the glass/bottle bin shall not be taken into the bin store after 9.00pm.

2. The Premises Licence holder shall make available the mobile contact numbers of members of the management team of the premises to local residents, and such numbers shall be updated if there are any changes of management.
3. The external doors of the purpose-built bin store shall be kept closed at all times except for access and egress.
4. The external doors to the bin store which were installed as of 14 November shall be retained. These doors are to only be replaced or repaired with the agreement of the licensing authority.

Chair

The Meeting started at 10.30 am
and finished at 10.45 am