

LICENSING AND SAFETY COMMITTEE

Tuesday, 24th February, 2004, at 6.00 p.m.

PRESENT:-

Councillor Bradney (Chair)
Councillor Mrs Coulter (Vice Chair)
Councillors Blood, Mrs Collins, Mrs Ridney, Ryder, Stanley and Zarab,
together with the Assistant Director, Legal and Democratic Services and
Ms Smith (Directorate of Law and Property).

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MINUTES

RESOLVED

That the minutes of the meetings held on the 15th December, 2003, and 26th January, 2004, be approved as correct records and signed.

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DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest from members in accordance with the Members' Code of Conduct.

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APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors Cotterill and Mrs Millward.

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APPOINTMENT OF SUBSTITUTES FOR THIS MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE

It was reported that Councillors Mrs Ridney and Stanley had been appointed as substitutes for Councillors Cotterill and Mrs Millward for this meeting of the Committee only.

APPLICATION FOR RENEWAL/TRANSFER AND VARIATION OF THE
PUBLIC ENTERTAINMENTS LICENCE - THE THORNS INN, 174
THORNS ROAD, QUARRY BANK

A report of the Director of Law and Property was submitted on an application made by John Gaunt and Partners, Solicitors, on behalf of Mr M A Williams (Tenant), for the renewal, transfer and variation of the public entertainments licence in respect of the premises known as The Thorns Inn, 174, Thorns Road, Quarry Bank.

Mr Williams was in attendance at the meeting.

Mrs J Elliott, Licensing Officer, Directorate of Law and Property, presented the report on behalf of the Council.

An Environmental Health Officer, from the Directorate of the Urban Environment was also in attendance at the meeting and commented on points contained in Appendix 1 of the report submitted.

Following discussion and careful consideration of the report submitted, during which Mr Williams responded to questions asked by the Committee, it was

RESOLVED

- (1) That subject to resolution (2), approval be given to the renewal of the public entertainments licence in respect of the Thorns Inn, 174 Thorns Road, Quarry Bank, for a period of twelve months from 24th February, 2004, and to the transfer of the licence to Mr M A Williams.
- (2) That approval also be given to the variation of the public entertainments licence for a period of six months only from 24th February, 2004, subject to the following days, times and conditions:-

Monday – Thursday	6.00 pm to 11.00 pm
Friday and Saturday	6.00 pm to 11.30 pm
Sunday	7.00 pm to 10.30 pm

That the fire exit and all doors and windows shall remain closed whilst public entertainments take place.

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GRANT OF A PUBLIC ENTERTAINMENTS LICENCE – ROUND OAK,
24/26 MERRY HILL, BRIERLEY HILL, DUDLEY

A report of the Director of Law and Property was submitted on an application made by Blake Laphorn Linnell, Solicitors, on behalf of Mr S J Evans, for the grant of a public entertainments licence in respect of the premises known as Round Oak, 24/26 Merry Hill, Brierley Hill, Dudley.

As the applicant was not in attendance at the meeting and no reason had been submitted to the Committee for his absence, it was

RESOLVED

That this item be deferred to the next meeting of the Committee and that the applicant be informed that this matter will be determined on that occasion whether or not he is in attendance.

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APPLICATION FOR GRANT OF A STREET COLLECTION PERMIT
ON BEHALF OF MR A PARKES OF FRUITFUL FUNDRAISING

A report of the Director of Law and Property was submitted on an application made by Mr A Parkes, of Fruitful Fundraising, formerly known as Open Air Global, for the grant of a Street Collection Permit.

As the applicant was not in attendance at the meeting and no reason had been submitted to the Committee for his absence, it was

RESOLVED

That this item be deferred to the next meeting of the Committee and that the applicant be informed that this matter will be determined on that occasion whether or not he is in attendance.

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REVISION OF LICENCE FEES

A report of the Director of Law and Property was submitted on the revision of fees for licences and consents, (other than those where the fees are imposed by statute and in respect of cinemas), administered by the Committee, for consideration.

Mrs J Elliott. Licensing Officer, Directorate of Law and Property, presented the report on behalf of the Council.

Following discussion and careful consideration of the report submitted, it was

RESOLVED

- (1) That subject o resolution (2) below, fees for licensing and consents administered by this Committee be increased with effect from 1st April 2004 by inflation plus 2%, an increase of 4%, as indicated in paragraph 4.1.3 option 3 of the report submitted.
- (2) That further consideration of the proposed increase in licensing fees in relation to street traders, deferred to the next meeting of the Committee and submission of a further detailed report.

The meeting ended at 7.05 pm.

CHAIR