

LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE 5

Tuesday, 6th March, 2007 at 10.50am
in the Council Chamber, The Council House, Dudley

PRESENT:-

Councillor Taylor (Chairman)
Councillors Ms Craigie and Tomkinson

Officers

Assistant Director Legal and Democratic Services (Legal Advisor), Mrs J Elliott, Licensing Officer and Mrs K Farrington (Directorate of Law and Property).

10 APOLOGY FOR ABSENCE

An apology for absence from the meeting was submitted on behalf of Councillor Bradney.

11 APPOINTMENT OF SUBSTITUTE MEMBER

It was noted that Councillor Tomkinson had been appointed as a substitute member for Councillor Bradney for this meeting of the Sub-Committee only.

12 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No Member declared an interest in accordance with the Members' Code of Conduct.

13 MINUTES

RESOLVED

That the minutes of the meeting of the Sub-Committee held on 23rd January, 2007 be approved as a correct record and signed.

14 CHANGE IN ORDER OF BUSINESS

Pursuant to Council Procedure Rule 13(c) it was

RESOLVED

That the remaining items of business be considered in the following order, namely:-

Agenda Item Numbers 7, 6, 5 and 8.

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APPLICATION FOR CONSENT TO ENGAGE IN STREET TRADING –
POT FAIR, DUDLEY TOWN CENTRE

A report of the Director of Law and Property was submitted on an application made on behalf of a Mr Bloor for the grant of a consent to engage in street trading for the Pot Fair to take place in Dudley Town Centre on Monday 12th March to Saturday 17th March, 2007.

Mr Bloor was in attendance at the meeting.

Following introductions by the Chairman, Mrs J Elliott, Licensing Officer, Directorate of Law and Property, presented the report on behalf of the Council. She stated that she had received an apology for absence from Mrs J Jones, Commercial Operations Manager, Directorate of Law and Property, but that she had submitted representations as indicated at Appendix 2 of the report submitted. She then informed the Sub-Committee of the main concerns outlined in Appendix 2, which were vehicular access around the Dudley Open Market and the items described as “fancy goods” as stated on the application form.

In response, Mr Bloor stated that in a letter sent to Mrs Jones on 13th February, 2007, he had assured her that all vehicles belonging to the Pot Fair would be removed from the town centre promptly before 8.00am and also confirmed that items described as “fancy goods” as stated on the application would not clash with the fancy goods items being sold by the Dudley Market traders.

Mr Bloor stated that the Pot Fair had been trading successfully for forty years and reported that the market would be good for the town as it would increase footfall and create a positive atmosphere. He further stated that he would be present at all times in order to manage the smooth running of the market.

In response to a question in relation to publicity, Mr Bloor stated that laminated A4 leaflets would be distributed around the Dudley Area on the weekend before the market.

RESOLVED

That the application made on behalf of a Mr Bloor for the grant of a consent to engage in street trading for the Pot Fair to take place in Dudley Town Centre on Monday 12th March to Saturday 17th March, 2007, be approved.

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APPLICATION FOR THE GRANT OF A GAMING PERMIT – REEL CINEMA, HAGLEY ROAD WEST, HALESOWEN

A report of the Director of Law and Property was submitted on an application made by a Mr Mohammed Faisal for the grant of a permit for the use of gaming machines for gaming at Reel Cinema, Hagley Road West, Halesowen.

Mr Faisal was in attendance at the meeting.

Following introductions, Mrs J Elliott, Licensing Officer, Directorate of Law and Property, presented the report on behalf of the Council. She informed the Sub-Committee that the West Midlands Fire Services had submitted representations at Appendix 2 to the report submitted, but stated that it was a standard letter, which they submitted for all Amusements with Prizes applications.

In response to questions from Members, Mr Faisal clarified the intended position of the two machines and confirmed that customers only would have access to the machines.

RESOLVED

That the application made by Mr Mohammed Faisal for the grant of a permit for the use of gaming machines for gaming at Reel Cinema, Hagley Road West, Halesowen, be approved.

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APPLICATION FOR THE TEMPORARY VARIATION OF A STREET TRADING CONSENT – LSD PROMOTIONS, STOURBRIDGE FARMERS MARKET, STOURBRIDGE

A report of the Director of Law and Property was submitted on an application made by Mr Matthew Caddick, Stourbridge Town Centre Manager, for the temporary variation of the Street Trading Consent issued to LSD Promotions for the Stourbridge Farmers Market, to enable the Official St George's Day Celebrations to take place on Saturday 21st April 2007.

Mr Caddick was in attendance at the meeting, together with Mr D McGillicuddy and Mr B McGillicuddy, both of LSD Promotions.

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

Representations were received from Mr A Radford, Traffic Engineer and Ms J Wakeman, Project Engineer, Directorate of the Urban Environment, at Appendix 2 to the report submitted, both in support of the application.

Mrs J Jones, Commercial Operations Manager, Directorate of Law and Property, was not in attendance but had submitted representations as indicated at Appendix 3 to the report submitted which stated that if the market operators ensured that there was safe vehicular access through the market, she would have no objection to the application.

Mr Caddick stated that the St George's Day Celebrations would greatly increase footfall to the town centre and informed the Sub-Committee that, in the interest of public safety, Mr McGillicuddy was happy to relocate the Farmers Market to Lower High Street to accommodate the event.

In responding to questions asked by the Sub-Committee, Mr Caddick reported that there would be a great deal of publicity advertising the event and confirmed that the issue in relation to restricted free-parking in the town centre due to the relocation of the Farmers Market would also be included.

RESOLVED

That the application made by Mr Matthew Caddick, Stourbridge Town Centre Manager, for the temporary variation of the Street Trading Consent issued to LSD Promotions for the Stourbridge Farmers Market, to enable the Official St George's Day Celebrations to take place on Saturday 21st April 2007, be approved.

The meeting ended at 11.25am

CHAIRMAN