

Licensing Committee

Tuesday, 21st May, 2019

PRESENT: Councillor M Harland in the Chair

Councillors N Buckley, R Downes, B Flynn,
A Garthwaite, H Bithell, P Drinkwater,
B Garner and J Heselwood

113 Appeals Against Refusal of Inspection of Documents

There were no appeals against the refusal of inspection of documents.

114 Exempt Information - Possible Exclusion of the Press and Public

There were no items identified where it was considered necessary to exclude the press or public from the meeting due to the nature of the business to be considered.

115 Late Items

Although there were no formal late items of business, the Chair did accept the inclusion of two items of supplementary information: the first was a letter from the Parks and Countryside Service which addressed a number of concerns from local residents. The second item was from a member of the public who provided extra information in response to supplementary information provided by the operator (Minute No. 118 referred)

116 Declaration of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests

There were no declarations of disclosable pecuniary interests made at the meeting.

117 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors; B Gettings, K Groves, C Knight and G Wilkinson.

118 Application to Vary a Premises Licence held by Roundhay Park, Princess Avenue, Roundhay, Leeds 8

The Chief Officer Elections and Regulatory submitted a report which set out details of an application which sought a variation to increase the capacity of the existing premises licence of 19,999 to a capacity of 79,999 at Roundhay Park, Princess Avenue, Roundhay, Leeds 8.

Members considered supplementary information in respect of a letter from the Parks and Countryside Service which addressed a number of concerns from local residents. A second letter was received from a local resident responding to information provided by the operator.

It was reported that twenty individual letters had been received opposing the application concerned about the negative impact of large scale events on the local area. One letter was received in support of the application.

Members heard from two local resident about their concerns of anti-social behaviour and disturbance while the event was ongoing and the negative impact to wildlife within the park

Members were informed that the Licensing Authority and the Planning Authority had raised concerns about public safety, but following discussions with the operator, two additional conditions had been included on the operating schedule which addressed those concerns.

Officers confirmed that there were no further large scale events planned for the park

Members expressed concern that the application was being considered less than three months before this large event was due to take place with ticket sales already in excess of 100,000.

The Committee were of the view that should similar future applications be made, they should be considered earlier.

At this point the Committee went into closed session to allow a full and frank discussion of the application

The meeting returned to open session

RESOLVED – That, subject to the inclusion of two additional conditions (as agreed with the Licensing Authority and Planning Authority), the application to vary the premises license increasing the capacity of the venue from 19,999 to 79,999 be granted.

119 Licensing Committee Work Programme

Members considered the contents of the Licensing Committee Work Programme for 2019/20.

Members noted that the following items had been scheduled for the next meeting:

- Licensing Procedure Rules, the Code of Practice for Determining Licensing Matters and Prescribed Licensing Training
- Licensing Committee – Annual Governance Arrangements
- Leeds response to DfT Consultation on Statutory Guidance for Licensing Authorities

RESOLVED – That the contents of the Licensing Committee Work Programme for 2019/20 be approved.

120 Date and Time of Next Meeting

Draft minutes to be approved at the meeting
to be held on Friday, 24th May, 2019

RESOLVED – To note that the next meeting will take place on Friday, 24th May 2019 at 10.30am in the Civic Hall, Leeds.