

# Minutes of Licensing Sub Committee 2

25 August 2022 at 10:00am  
In Committee Room 1 at Sandwell Council House, Oldbury

**Present:** Councillor Fenton (Chair)  
Councillors Z Hussain and Wilkes.

**Officers:** Makhan Singh Gosal (Senior Licensing Officer)  
David Elliott (Legal Advisor)  
Stephnie Hancock (Senior Democratic Services Officer)  
Connor Robinson (Democratic Services Officer)  
John Swann (Democratic Services Officer)

**In Attendance:** Oliver Piers (in Support of Applicant)

## 10/22 **Apologies for Absence**

An apology for absence was received from Councillor Dunn.

## 11/22 **Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest made at the meeting.

## 12/22 **Minutes**

**Resolved** that the minutes of the meeting held on 24 January 2022 and 18 July 2022 are confirmed as a correct record.



## **Application for a New Premises Licence at The Pub@Bearwood, 537 Bearwood Road, Smethwick, B66 4BQ.**

The Sub-Committee considered an application for a new premises licence in respect of The Pub@Bearwood, 537 Bearwood Road, Smethwick. The application had been brought before the Sub-Committee due to an objection from a local resident on the grounds of public safety and the prevention of crime and disorder.

The premise's main business would be that of a Public House and the proposed licensable activities were Late Night Refreshment (on premises) Monday to Sunday 09:00 to 00:30 and the Sale of Alcohol (on and off the premises) Monday to Sunday 09:00 to 00:00. The proposed hours the premises would be open to the public was Monday to Sunday 09.00 to 00:30 hours.

It was reported that following correspondence with the Police, the applicant had agreed to a number of amendments to the licence, including:-

- supply of alcohol to conclude at 00:00 hours Monday to Sunday;
- removal of all regulated entertainment from the application.
- the necessary CCTV would fitted as required and accessible to the Police
- a commitment to the adherence of 'Challenge 25'

The applicant addressed the Sub-Committee with the following points:-

- the venue would promote a family- friendly atmosphere;
- he had incorporated the suggestions from the Police and wanted to work collaboratively with the community to allay any concerns;
- 14 jobs would be created.

The Sub Committee heard that the venue had a maximum capacity of 60 persons and that no representations had been made by the Department of Public Health.



The Sub-Committee took advice from its legal advisor before adjourning to make a decision.

Having considered all of the information before it, including representations made, the Sub Committee was minded to grant the premises licence for the following reasons:-

1. this was a new application with no adverse record of managing the premises being reported previously;
2. a cumulative impact zone was not in force within Sandwell and as such concentrations of public houses within the locality was not a factor to be considered;
3. the applicant had agreed to amendments suggested by West Midlands Police.

**Resolved** that the Premises Licence in respect of The Pub@Bearwood, 537 Bearwood Road, Smethwick, B66 4BQ is granted.

In making its decision the Sub-Committee took into account the Licensing Act itself, the Section 182 Guidance and noted that it must carry out all its functions under the Act with a view to promoting the licensing objectives. It also took into account the Human Rights Act 1998.

Meeting ended at 10.43am

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