

# Minutes of Licensing Sub-Committee 1

**21 November 2022 at 10.07am  
In Committee Room 1, Sandwell Council House, Oldbury**

**Present:** Councillor Allen (Chair);  
Councillors Dunn and Fenton.

**52/22 Apologies for Absence**

There were no apologies for absence.

**53/22 Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

**54/22 Application for the grant of a new Premises License at West Smethwick Park and Pavilion, West Smethwick Road, Smethwick**

**In attendance:**

Makhan Singh Gosal (Licensing Officer);  
David Elliott (Legal Advisor);  
Kiran Dhesi (Licensing Officer)  
Corinne Caddy (Events Co-ordinator);  
Laura Wesson (Lightwoods House Co-ordinator);  
Trisha Newton (Deputy Democratic Services Manager);  
John Swann (Democratic Services Officer).



The Sub Committee considered an application for the grant of a premises licence in respect of West Smethwick Park and Pavilion, West Smethwick Road, Smethwick.

A representation had been made by a local resident, objecting to the grant of a licence with concerns that the Crime and Disorder and Public Nuisance licensing objective would be undermined.

The applicant addressed the Sub Committee and outlined that the venue would be primarily use for private hire and community events. In addition, extensive safeguarding measures were proposed including onsite security daily between 4-8pm and partnership working with environmental health and the Police.

The Sub Committee was advised that the application had been amended, with all licensable activities, including the supply of alcohol, ending at 11.15pm.

The Sub Committee noted that no responsible authority had made representations and that the applicant held an existing premises licence with the authority.

The Sub Committee took advice from its Legal Advisor before adjourning to make a decision on the application.

The Sub Committee had taken into consideration representations made by all parties and was minded to grant the licence as amended. The concerns raised were valid, however, as this was a new application there was no evidence. Should any issues arise the licence could be reviewed.

**Resolved** that the Premises Licence for West Smethwick Park and Pavilion, West Smethwick Road, Smethwick, be approved, as amended with licensing activities ending at 11.15pm.



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.

Parties would be advised of their right of appeal to the Magistrates Court within 21 days of receipt of the decision letter.

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### **Application for the grant of a new Premises License at Dartmouth Park, Access off Lloyd Street, West Bromwich**

#### **In attendance:**

Makhan Singh Gosal (Licensing Officer);  
David Elliott (Legal Advisor);  
Corinne Caddy (Events Co-ordinator);  
Laura Wesson (Lightwoods House Co-ordinator);  
Trisha Newton (Deputy Democratic Services Manager);  
John Swann (Democratic Services Officer).

The Sub Committee considered an application for the grant of a new premises licence in respect of Dartmouth Park, Access off Lloyd Street, West Bromwich.

A representation had been made by a local resident, objecting to the grant of a licence with concerns that the Crime and Disorder and Public Nuisance licensing objective would be undermined.

The applicant addressed the Sub Committee and outlined that the licence would be utilised for specific seasonal events only.



Members heard that the following would be implemented when the license would be utilised:-

- access points would be manned by SIA accredited security staff and stewards;
- traffic management plans would be enforced;
- all events would be risk assessed with staff being fully briefed;
- all events would be reviewed by an Advisory Group;
- Dartmouth Park would remain under a Public Space Protection Order.

The Sub Committee was advised that the application had been amended, with all licensable activities, including the supply of alcohol, ending at 11.15pm.

(Meeting adjourned between 12.52 to 1.08pm)

The Legal Advisor provided clarification in relation to the Public Spaces Protection Order.

The Sub Committee took advice from its Legal Advisor before adjourning to make a decision on the application.

The Sub Committee had taken into consideration representations made by all parties and was minded to grant the licence as amended. The concerns raised were valid, however, as this was a new application there was no evidence. Should any issues arise the licence could be reviewed.

**Resolved** that the Premises Licence for Dartmouth Park (access off Lloyd Street, West Bromwich) be approved, as amended with licensable activities ending at 11.15pm.

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.



All parties would be advised of their right of appeal to the Magistrates Court within 21 days of receipt of the decision letter.

(Councillor Fenton left the meeting)

(Meeting adjourned 1.45 to 2.05pm)

**56/22                      Objection to Temporary Event Notices for MJ's Bar and Venue, 38 Bridge Street, Wednesbury**

**Present:**    Councillor Allen (Chair);  
                  Councillors Dunn and Singh.

**In attendance:**

Makhan Singh Gosal (Licensing Officer);  
David Elliott (Legal Advisor);  
Geeta Bangerh (Licensing);  
Tyler Jones (Reload Under 16s);  
Sharon Jeffries (Reload Under 16s);  
Nicola Stansbie (West Midlands Police);  
Trisha Newton (Deputy Democratic Services Manager);  
John Swann (Democratic Services Officer).

The Sub Committee considered an application for a Temporary Event Notice in respect of MJs Bar and Venue, 38 Bridge Street, Wednesbury.

An objection had been received from West Midlands Police on the grounds of the Prevention of Crime and Disorder Licensing Objective.

The West Midlands Police representative advised that:-

- the previous under 16's seasonal event organised by Reload Under 16s had resulted in 6 police logs to the location and surrounding area and reports of violence had been reported by members of the public;



- the applicant had also contacted the Police at a previous event due to inadequate security provision;
- under 16s events required additional safeguarding measures;
- the applicant's ability to oversee dispersal at a previous event was a significant concern;
- the proposed event fell within the peak Christmas trading period.

In response the applicant advised:-

- he had run previous events which had not resulted in police logs being generated;
- he was willing to reduce the number of tickets sold and amend the time of the proposed event.

The Sub Committee expressed concern that no powers were available to place conditions upon the Temporary Event Notice if the applicant was granted.

Concern was also expressed about the applicant's ability to safeguard hundreds of unaccompanied children aged between 11-16.

The Sub Committee further stated that they did not have confidence that suitable event management techniques could be implemented.

The Sub Committee took advice from its Legal Advisor before adjourning to make a decision on the application.

The Sub Committee took into consideration representations made by all parties and was minded to refuse the application as members were concerned with the issues encountered at previous events, difficulty in conditioning a temporary event notice to tackle issues and the involvement of children. The Sub Committee considered



**Resolved** that the application for a Temporary Event Notice for MJ's Bar and Venue, 38 Bridge Street, Wednesbury be refused.

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.

All parties would be advised of their right of appeal to the Magistrates Court within 21 days of receipt of the decision letter.

Meeting ended at 3.35pm  
(with adjournments between 11.13am – 12.30pm,  
12.52 to 1.08pm and 1.45pm – 2.05pm)

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