

## **Minutes of a meeting of the Licensing Sub-Committee**

At 10.30 am on Wednesday 29th June, 2022 in the  
Council Chamber, Cedar Drive, Thrapston, NN14 4LZ

### **Present:-**

#### Members

Councillor Barbara Jenney  
Councillor Lora Lawman

Councillor Dr Anup Pandey

#### Officers

Also in attendance – Councillor

### **8 Election of Chair**

#### **RESOLVED:**

That Councillor Barbara Jenney be appointed Chair for the Sub-Committee.

### **9 Apologies for Non-Attendance**

There were no apologies for non-attendance.

### **10 Members' Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

### **11 Notifications of requests to address the meeting**

It was noted that Andrea Wray, applicant, and David Anderson, objector, would address the meeting.

### **12 Application for a New Premises Licence for the Raunds Festival of Transport**

The Chair welcomed everyone to the Hearing and those present introduced themselves.

The Health Protection Manager informed the Sub-Committee that there had been an administrative error with the papers for the meeting. A part of the application had not been included for which she apologised. The missing papers were tabled.

With the agreement of all parties, the meeting adjourned at 10.40am to enable all parties to read the missing papers. The meeting reconvened at 10.45am.

The Health Protection Manager reported that an application for a new premises licence for the Raunds Festival of Transport had been received on 5 May 2022. The

appropriate notices had been displayed and the advertisement was placed as required.

One representation, objecting to the application, had been received from a local resident which concerned public nuisance caused by music, traffic and alcohol sales.

The Chair invited Andrea Wray, the applicant, to address the Sub-Committee in support of her application. Ms Wray focussed on the objections which had been made. To avoid disruption of traffic, marshals were planned to be on the entrance and exits. She advised that it should be noted that there had been little disruption previously. All affected residents had been given warning, along with local buses. The horns blaring from lorries and fire engines would be stopped at 5pm. The noise of events held on the Square were at a level no different to the events organised by the Town Council. Pubs in the vicinity were allowed to sell alcohol but they had been asked to ensure that people leaving the premises had any drinks in plastic glasses. Ms Wray explained that she was a DPS and ran a premise on Brook Street. Fairground rides would not be on the site. The event was a charity event which brought local businesses together and was something the town needed. It was hoped that the event would bring new residents into the town. It had been suggested that the event be held on the playing fields but that would take trade away from the town, also the Town Council had previously refused to allow the event on the fields due to there being too many vehicles.

In response to questions from the Sub-Committee, Ms Wray advised that marshals and stewards would undertake litter clearing. A skip would also be present and extra bins would be in place. All food vans would be asked to take away their litter.

In response to questions from Mr Anderson, Ms Wray advised that as there would be road closures for the event, horns could be used contrary to the Highway Code. The Legal Officer clarified that the roads would not be considered as highway on the day. A mobile bar would be located along the High Street to stop people congregating around the pubs, and this extra outlet would not make a difference. In response to a Facebook post which stated that the event would not duplicate any trades which were already in the town, Ms Wray explained that the people taking part were part of the town and not outsiders. Mr Anderson stated that Ms Wray had suggested that he leave his home for the day and in response Ms Wray advised that she had made that suggestion in a friendly manner.

The Chair invited Mr David Anderson, an objector, to address the meeting. He stated that he lived right by the Square. One of the roads would be closed two yards from his gate and it would be impossible for him to get his car out. There would be no control over parking. The noise the horns made was disgraceful and he was unable to sit in his house. He accepted that there would be no rock bands playing but he had taken readings previously which were over 85 decibels, which caused damage to hearing. He was the only person who made a formal objection, but other people did object. It would be a very disruptive day to him and his family and dogs. He strongly objected to the event being granted a licence.

In response to questions from the Sub-Committee, Mr Anderson clarified that the sound levels had been taken on the Square and not his house.

In response, Ms Wray advised that she could ask lorries not to use their air horns and ask the fire engines to reduce the amount of times they used them.

All parties were given an opportunity to sum up their cases.

Ms Wray stated that 68 decibels was normal conversation level and noise was a personal opinion. The parking at Millfield would be well controlled and they would move people if they were causing a nuisance. The bands had been booked to finish by 10pm with an hour for the event to clear down and make sure everything was finished.

Mr Anderson stated that his day would be destroyed by the event and it would not be a pleasant experience.

*The meeting adjourned at 11.15am and reconvened at 11.40am.*

**RESOLVED:**

To grant the licence with no additional conditions.

Reasons for Decision

In reaching its decision, the Sub-Committee had regard to, and took into consideration:

- The report from the Health Protection Manager;
- The Licensing Act 2003;
- The Section 182 Statutory Guidance;
- The Statement of Licensing Policy North Northamptonshire Council;
- The Licensing Objectives; and
- Representations made by all parties.

The Sub-Committee gave careful consideration to all of the representations made during their deliberations and that they are satisfied that there is sufficient mitigation in place to uphold the licensing objectives and therefore the licence should be granted.

**13 Close of Meeting**

The meeting closed at 11.45am.

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Chair

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Date

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