

Licensing Sub-Committee

Meeting held on Wednesday, 4 September 2024 at 10.30 am. This meeting was held remotely.

MINUTES

Present: Councillor Mohammed Islam (Vice-Chair)
Councillors Margaret Bird and Jessica Hammersley-Rich

PART A

41/24 **Appointment of Chair**

It was **MOVED** by Councillor Margaret Bird and **SECONDED** by Councillor Jessica Hammersley Rich and **RESOLVED** to appoint Councillor Mohammed Islam as Chair of the meeting.

42/24 **Disclosure of Interests**

There were none.

43/24 **Urgent Business (if any)**

There were no items of urgent business.

44/24 **Licensing Act 2003 - Application for a Premises Licence at Rotary Field Recreation Ground, Brighton Road, CR8 2NL**

The Chair outlined the procedures for the Licensing Hearing in line with the Licensing Act 2003 and the Council's protocol.

The applicant, Simon Cripps, was present.

The Head of Environmental Health, Trading Standards and Licensing introduced the application to the Sub Committee.

The Head of Environmental Health, Trading Standards and Licensing explained that the application was for a premises licence at Rotary Field Recreation Ground which was a green space in Purley. The Head of Environmental Health, Trading Standards and Licensing informed Members

that the applicant sought two licensable activities, the sale by retail of alcohol on Saturdays from 12pm to 8pm and Sunday from 11am to 7pm; the applicant sought the same hours for the provision of regulated entertainment, to host live music recorded music and the performances of dance.

The Head of Environmental Health, Trading Standards and Licensing stated that following discussions with the police licensing officer, the applicant had made amendments to their application should Members resolve grant the application.

In response to a question from the Panel, the Head of Environmental Health, Trading Standards and Licensing explained that there had been previous applications for temporary event notices for events at Rotary field.

The applicant, Simon Cripps was given the opportunity to speak. Simon Cripps advised:

- They would be providing community events and they were very community and family orientated.
- Their use of Rotary Field Recreation Ground would not have an impact on travellers.
- The noise from events would be managed.
- This was the second year that they had ran the event.
- There would be an officer from the Council present to monitor the noise levels.
- They had discussed the noise levels with a resident at their event in the previous year, they agreed to reduce the noise to a level that the resident considered acceptable.
- They were very mindful on the importance of working with the community to make build a partnership.
- They had given notices to residents about how they would keep the noise from the event as low as possible.
- Residents stated that they were really looking forward to the event.
- They had spoken with the person who had made representations, and their main concern was the provision of alcohol to young people.
- They had increased their Security Industry Authority (SIA) contingency for this year's event from three staff members to seven staff members.
- At last year's event, the litter was managed throughout the event and litter pickers were working throughout the event; litter was also picked up on the morning after each event.
- We are very passionate about the Rotary field.
- They made sure that their silent generators were close to the road, this helped to reduce the noise impact on the local flats.
- The Council had been supportive with waiving or paying some of the fees for them, which demonstrated that the Council was focused on making sure that they held well run community events.
- There would be alcohol on sale and there was a strict challenge 25 rule for those trying to buy alcohol.
- There would be a police van and first aid on site.
- There would be searches conducted at the gate.

- There would be no glass or bottles on site and attendees were not permitted to bring alcohol with them to the site.
- Two SIA staff members would be placed near the licence area, one SIA staff member would be placed on the gate of the area and there would be two SIA staff members at the entrances to the area.
- The Safer neighbourhood team would be in attendance.
- Councillors from both parties, a local MP and both the Civic and elected Mayors would also be in attendance.
- There was a stage manager who would ensure that they adhered to the agreed cut off point for the music, 8pm on the Saturday and 6:30pm on the Sunday and all the performers knew that there was a hard cut off point for each of their performances.
- Having a licensed premises offered them the possibility of having another event during the year under the same conditions, in which they sectioned off a smaller area within the field.

In response to questions from the Sub-Committee the applicant stated that they had ran events using temporary events notices on the site in the past, however there had been a festival on the site from 2012 – 2017 which ran under a premises licence.

In response to questions from the Sub-Committee the applicant stated that they did send out notices at last year's festival informing attendees to be respectful of local residents and not to park across driveways. The applicant explained that they directed people to the car parks within Purley and that they had provided provision of around 30 parking spaces at the offices next door to the site for the use of parking for the entertainers, visitors and those people who need access to the site often. The applicant stated that they would circulate a video which showed the route from the train station to the festival.

In response to questions from the Sub-Committee the applicant informed Members that they have had a food festival held on the High Street in the past. The applicant stated that they were keen to hold events that were community and family orientated which would benefit the community.

In response to questions from the Sub-Committee the applicant stated that he had recently gone through the training of what they needed to provide to make sure that we could implement challenge 25 rules. The applicant explained that other stall holders who were serving alcohol were all local landlords who managed that premises using challenge under 25 so anyone who would be working on those stalls would be briefed. The applicant informed Members that they would also serve low alcohol beers as an option to try and keep the alcohol consumption down during the event.

In response to questions from the Sub-Committee the applicant stated that they would use three sets of clickers to monitor the number of attendees. The applicant explained that there would be an SIA officer at the front of the licensed area, we've got an SIA officer who would have a clicker to keep track of how many people are in that licenced area at a time.

In response to questions from the Sub-Committee the applicant explained that the licenced area was 499 maximum capacity. The applicant stated that at the previous years event they had no more than 400 attendees on the whole site, so he anticipated that they would have from 150-200 attendees.

In response to questions from the Sub-Committee the applicant informed Members that the size licensed area would be 45m x 35m, this was well within the person by meterage of safely run events.

After the hearing the Sub-Committee withdrew to the virtual deliberation room and RESOLVED to GRANT the application to the premises licence. The reasons for this decision are set out in the Statement of Licensing Sub Committee decision as follows:

The Licensing Sub-Committee carefully considered the Application for a new premises licence at Rotary Field, Recreation Ground, Purely, CR8 2NL. When considering the application, the Sub- Committee took account of the London Borough of Croydon's Statement of Licensing Policy, the Licensing Act 2003, the Licensing Act 2003 section 182 Guidance, the report of the Corporate Director, Sustainable Communities, Regeneration & Economic Recovery and the applicant's and objectors written and oral representations.

Having considered the application and heard from all the parties, the Sub-Committee resolved to grant the application for a new premises licence with the conditions set out below and, in the application, as amended, following discussions with the Police Licensing Officer, and as set out in the Report to the Licensing Sub Committee.

Operating times:

Saturday	1200 –2100 hours
Sunday	1100 - 2000 hours

The Sale by Retail of Alcohol (for consumption on & off the premises)

Saturday	1200 – 2000 hours
Sunday	1100 – 1900 hours

Provision of Regulated Entertainment –

Live Music

Recorded Music

Performances of Dance

Saturday 1200 hours (midday) until 2000 hours

Sunday 1100 hours until 1900 hours

The police will be given advance notice of all events and private security and first aiders will be on site for the duration of the events.

No alcohol to be served to persons who appear to be intoxicated and persons engaging in anti-social behaviour will not be permitted to enter or remain at events.

Reasons

The committee gave serious consideration to the submissions made by the applicant and to the concerns raised by the objector. The committee was satisfied that the licence should be granted and that the above conditions were appropriate and proportionate and would ensure that the licencing objectives were upheld.

The committee was satisfied that the applicant would take measures to manage noise and the environment, including litter within the park, and noted that the applicant proposed to engage with the council's noise team over the course of events so that noise levels could be monitored. The committee noted that the applicant would utilise low noise generators and position these in a way that would reduce the impact on residents.

The committee was satisfied that previous incidents referred to by the objectors were not caused by the applicants who emphasised throughout that their events would be family oriented. The applicant had proposed sufficient measures to run events in a safe and orderly manner and with involvement of the responsible authorities, including the police. Appropriate conditions have therefore been included, to promote the licencing objective of the prevention of public nuisance.

The committee acknowledged that the applicants had amended their application following discussion with the police and was satisfied that the proposed conditions addressed the objectors' concerns, including 'challenge 25' which was to be utilised to prevent underage drinking.

The committee only made its decision after having heard from all the parties.

The Sub-Committee wished to thank all participants the way they engaged with and supported the hearing in providing information to allow the Sub-Committee's consideration.

45/24 Exclusion of the Press and Public

This was not required.

The meeting ended at 11.10 am

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