

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE HELD REMOTELY
VIA TEAMS, ON WEDNESDAY, 22 APRIL 2021, 2:00 pm**

Present: Cllrs Dan Brown (Chair), Helen Reeve, and Pete Smerdon
Becky Fowlds, Specialist Legal Services
Naomi Stacey, Specialist – Licensing
Tara O’Keefe, Senior Case Manager - Licensing
Janice Young, Specialist – Democratic Services
Anna Gribble, Senior Case Manager – Democratic Services
Steve Gardiner, Specialist – IT

Also in attendance and participating:

John Belcher, Martin Sibley, Dr Polly Magne

LSC.10/20 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Members and officers were invited to declare any interests in the items of business to be considered during the course of the meeting. Cllr P Smerdon declared a personal interest in the application by virtue of having used the Ivybridge Rugby Club facilities in the past. The Member remained in the meeting and took part in the debate thereon.

**LSC.11/20 TO DETERMINE AN APPLICATION FOR A NEW PREMISES LICENCE AT
IVYBRIDGE RFC LTD, IVYBRIDGE RUGBY CLUB, EXETER ROAD,
IVYBRIDGE, PL21 0LR**

The Sub-Committee considered a report that sought to determine an application for a new premises licence at the Ivybridge Rugby Club, Exeter Road, Ivybridge, PL21 0LR

The Licensing Specialist introduced the report and outlined the details of the application (as stated in the application form at Appendix A, B, C, and D of the presented agenda report). The Licensing Specialist clarified that the report should have read Friday and Saturday evenings not Saturday and Sunday evenings, as outlined in the attendant report. The Specialist reminded the Sub-Committee that its decision had to be based upon the four licensing objectives.

1. Address by the Applicant

In his address the applicant made specific reference to:

- The set up at the Rugby Club, including terms of membership;
- The hours requested were for only when the building was hired out for external functions;
- Noise control measures were in place already and most events would be held inside;

- When the building was hired out with a bar, bar staff would be on hand, building hire without a bar would have someone on site;
- A safeguarding officer was required as part of the Rugby Football Union membership;
- No extensions were requested for Fridays in school term time as this night was reserved for youth rugby.

2. Address by objectors

During the presentations by the objectors, the following points were raised:-

- Concerns over underage drinking in the area;
- The potential increase in traffic to and from the Rugby Club;
- Noise levels would potentially increase; and
- Mitigation may include limiting alcohol sales to on-site only and amplified music to be restricted in sound level.

(The Sub Committee then adjourned, in the presence of the Lawyer, at 2:48 pm to consider the application and reconvened at 3:24pm.)

3. The Decision

In announcing the Sub-Committee decision, the following statement was read:

“We have considered the application for a new premises licence.

We have considered the Statement of Licensing Policy, the government guidance and our obligations that relate to the promotion of the licensing objectives.

We have read carefully the written representations from all parties and additional information provided to us today.

It is our decision to grant this application subject to the following changes being incorporated into the operating schedule. We have determined the changes to be appropriate in order to achieve the licensing objectives:

1. No sales of alcohol to be consumed off the premises

(The reason we have decided upon this the concerns about people, particularly children congregating off the premises in the nearby vicinity. Thus contributing to the promotion of all four licensing objectives.)

2. Sale of alcohol for consumption on the premises to be limited on Friday and Saturday from 10am to 11.30pm. This does not affect the special events listed in the application.

(The reason for this is to promote the prevention of public nuisance licensing objective.)

The Council will publish its decision with reasons in writing and send to relevant parties within five working days.”

Chairman

(meeting closed at 3:30 pm)