

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE HELD AT THE
COUNCIL CHAMBER, COUNCIL OFFICES, KILWORTHY PARK, DRAKE ROAD,
TAVISTOCK ON TUESDAY 2 JUNE 2015**

Present: Cllr T G Pearce
Cllr D E Moyses
Cllr A Roberts
Sue Nightingale, Solicitor
Kathy Trant, Senior Case Manager
Naomi Wopling, Licensing Officer

Members also in attendance:

Cllrs A F Leech and J B Moody (not participating)

Also in attendance and participating:

Mrs Julie Marks – Applicant
Mrs Frances Luxton- Applicant
Mr Jay Morrish– Security company
Mrs P Olive – Resident
Mrs D Roxborough - Resident

***LSC1 APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN**

RESOLVED

That Cllr Pearce be appointed Chairman for the duration of the meeting.

***LSC2 TO DETERMINE AN APPLICATION FOR A NEW PREMISES LICENCE FOR
BEREFEST (2015 AND ONWARDS), BERE ALSTON**

The Sub Committee considered a report that sought to determine a new Premises Licence for Berefest, Bere Alston.

The Licensing Officer proceeded to present the application and the contents of her report.

1. Address by Julie Marks Applicant and Frances Luxton Applicant

The applicants made the following points during their presentation:

- The event was in its 7th year;
- No objections received by the Police;
- Additional measures put in place as a result of objections received and these were outlined in conjunction with the Licensing objectives including a drug dog being used and lighting towers being available;
- Security firm to address any signs of ASB;
- Would look at talking to DCC in future to attain Traffic Management plan. (DCC are not statutory consultees);

- Confirmed there were 5 properties along the approach lane, and the lane would be patrolled during the event;
- The venue had been altered & changed to another field from previous year due to logging by Maristow in neighbouring field;
- No one would be allowed into the venue without a ticket bought in advance, 800 tickets were available plus 100 for staff, security & family;
- No one would be able to buy tickets at the gate;
- Full details of terms & conditions were available on the tickets & website;
- Mainly local people from Tavistock & surrounding villages would attend;
- All organisers had safeguarding qualifications and were DBS checked;
- Drinks sold at the event would be beer, cider & a small amount of spirits. In addition, no one would be allowed in with their own drink. Different coloured wrist bands would be used for under 18's and drinks would be decanted into plastic cups

At this point Members asked a number of questions relating to the route of the mini-bus, the precise set up within the car park including turning areas and how vehicles could leave the site whilst others were entering.

2. Address by Jay Morrish, Security Company

Mr Morrish made the following points in his presentation:

- 10 staff would be on site all day with an additional 2 in the evening;
- 3 to 4 volunteer traffic management staff students from South Devon College would also be on site. In addition, there would be separate security at the camp site;
- Campers would not be allowed in until noon & it would be for one nights camping only;
- All security staff would be ACS approved;
- Security would search on entry for alcohol & confiscate;
- No dogs allowed in on the site; and
- CCTV would be in use on mobile command unit.

Mr Morrish then responded to more detailed questions relating to aspects of the security arrangements.

3. Address by Pam Olive, Resident and D Roxborough, Resident

Mrs Olive and Mrs Roxborough made the following points during their presentation:

- Concerns for increase in traffic to public safety;
- Approach lane was narrow with high hedges & the brow of hill along the lane. The speed limit along the lane was 60 miles per hour;
- Entrance was a public footpath;
- Residents had not been consulted on this event;
- Concern that livestock would be let out of fields during event;
- They were both surprised at the size of event;
- Hay making could be taking place in adjoining fields.

Following this presentation, Members asked a number of questions relating to the position of the public footpath and signage for the event. A previous event was also discussed whereby an ambulance and police had been called following a disturbance however the Committee was advised that the emergency services had been contacted by someone in the village following comments placed on social media, not someone at the event.

(At 11.00am, the Sub-Committee adjourned in the presence of Mrs Nightingale to consider the application. The Sub Committee reconvened at 11.30am for further questions, adjourned at 11.35am and reconvened at 12.10pm).

4. The Decision

The Chairman read out the following statement:

“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 parties not present today and have read carefully representations received from parties present plus additional statements from persons here today. We have also considered the additional conditions proposed by the applicant in their additional information.

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 to achieve the licensing objectives:

- 1) Subject to written confirmation from Devon County Council Highways Department or the Safety Advisory Group (or both) that the traffic management plan addresses the traffic and all access concerns satisfactorily.
Reason: to address public safety and prevention of crime and disorder concerns.
- 2) The site shall be cleared of all litter and available for normal use by 7pm on the day following the day.
Reason: to address concerns about public nuisance.

In addition to being appropriate the Committee also believe the amendments to be necessary.

Thank you all”.

Chairman