

Time commenced - 10.00 am  
Time finished - 10.35 am

## **GENERAL LICENSING SUB COMMITTEE 23 FEBRUARY 2005**

Present: Councillor Jones (Chair)  
Councillors Jackson and Richards

### **01/04 Apologies**

There were no apologies.

### **02/04 Late Items Introduced by the Chair**

The Chair introduced the following late item as a matter of urgency:

**Application to Waive Condition 54 of the Public Entertainment Licence – Zanzibar, London Road, Derby.**

### **03/04 Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

### **04/04 Minutes**

The Minutes of the Licensing Sub Committee B meeting held on 19 January 2005 were noted.

### **05/04 Application to Renew the Public Entertainment Licence – St Benedict's School, Duffield Road, Derby.**

A report of the Director of Corporate Services was considered which gave details of an application to renew the public entertainment licence at St Benedict's School. Denise Brown, on behalf of the applicant, attended the meeting and addressed the Sub Committee. One objection had been received from Environmental Health and Trading Standards, as works were required to ensure that the licence conditions were met. Details of the works required were detailed in a letter sent to St Benedict's School on 15 December 2004. The required works included a certificate for the gas appliances inspection and the installation of emergency lighting in the toilets.

Mrs Brown advised the Sub Committee that all works had been completed and the emergency lighting would be carried out during the Easter holidays. Ann Walker – Environmental Health and Trading Standards examined all the documents provided by Mrs Brown confirming the completion of all minor works as detailed in the letter of 15 December and confirmed that everything was in order.

**Resolved to authorise the Director of Corporate Services to renew the Public Entertainment Licence subject to the emergency lighting first being installed in the ladies, gents and disabled toilets used for public entertainment to the satisfaction of the Chief Environmental Health Officer before 10 April 2005.**

**06/04      Application to Vary the Waiver Condition 54 of the Public Entertainment Licence – Aston Court Hotel, Midland Road, Derby.**

A report of the Director of Corporate Services was considered which gave details of a request to vary the waive condition 54 of the public entertainment licence at the Aston Court Hotel. Ceri Allen, the General Manager of the Aston Court Hotel and Andrew Cochrane – Solicitor, attended the meeting and addressed the Sub Committee. No objections had been received from Environmental Health and Trading Standards, Derbyshire Fire and Rescue Service, the police authority, Development and Cultural Services or members of the public.

The request was to increase the capacity of the York Suite from 100 to 199 and increase the number of events from two per year to four per year. Mr Cochrane advised the Committee that there was a high demand for the events held at the Aston Court. In practice there would generally be no more than 150 people attending each event. All events would be seated, mainly around round tables or theatre style. The events would be spread over the year.

**Resolved to approve the application to vary the special conditions attached to the waiver of condition 54 of the Public Entertainment Licence as follows:**

**Special Condition 6.2 to be deleted and replaced with the following:**

**“6.2. All bookings will be made in advance and a seating plan must be agreed with the chief Environmental Health Officer in advance of the entertainment which limits capacity to 199 persons.”**

**Special Condition 11 to be deleted and replaced with the following:**

**“11. The events to be limited to only 4 nights per entertainment licence year.”**

**07/04      Request to Vary Condition Restricting Opening  
on all Bank Holidays and Sundays for a Sex  
Establishment Licence – Aphrodite, 132 London  
Road, Derby.**

A report of the Director of Corporate Services was considered which gave details of an application to vary condition restricting opening on all bank holidays and Sundays for a sex establishment licence for Aphrodite. Clive Minion and John Simpson, on behalf of the applicant, addressed the Sub Committee.

The Panel were advised that the premises had held a sex establishment licence in excess of ten years and it was last renewed on 30 December 2004.

Mr Simpson addressed the Sub Committee advising that the group owned a chain of 28 shops throughout the country and they were currently going through a rebranding exercise of all their shops. Their current licence at Aphrodite allowed them to open on bank holidays excluding Good Friday although they had never taken advantage of this bank holiday opening. They felt that they were losing business to the likes of Ann Summers and wanted fair competition, as they should be able to trade on fair terms. They also wanted to open on Sundays leading up to Christmas.

**Resolved to refuse the application to open the premises on Sundays, Christmas Day and Good Friday due to the premises being in close proximity to the Queens Hall Methodist Church.**

**The applicant was advised of his right of appeal against the decision to the Magistrates Court within 21 days.**

**08/04      Application to Waive Condition 54 of the Public  
Entertainment Licence – Coyote Wild, Victoria  
Street, Derby.**

A report of the Director of Corporate Services was considered which gave details of an application to waive condition 54 of the Public Entertainment Licence for Coyote Wild. Allen Armstrong, the applicant, attended the meeting and addressed the Sub Committee. Mr Armstrong was applying for consent to hold ladies' evenings at Coyote Wild. These evenings would be held each month and would be tacked on to an Ann Summers evening. Each event would be held on the first floor only with seating for approximately 100 people. The nights most likely to be used would be Monday to Thursday. Mr Armstrong advised that tickets would be sold by Ann Summers. There would be no admittance without tickets.

**Resolved to grant the application for the waiver of Condition 54 of the**

**Public Entertainment Licence subject to the Council's additional special conditions and the following additional conditions:**

- **The Entertainment is restricted to the first floor only.**
- **The dressing room is the room off the stage area for the entertainers only.**
- **A seating plan must be agreed with the Chief Environmental Health Officer in advance of the entertainment and the capacity is limited to 100.**
- **The events to be limited to only 1 night per month and can only be held on Monday to Thursday.**
- **Female performers are prohibited.**
- **Performers shall not strip beyond their underpants/briefs.**
- **At least 7 clear days written notice must be given to the council for all the events.**
- **Advisory notice to be displayed at the entrance to the first floor describing the entertainment.**

**Paragraph 8 of the standard special conditions to be amended to read:**

**“There shall be at least 3 door supervisors on the premises when the authorised entertainment is taking place to ensure good order and the safety of performers and customers in addition to the Duty Manager. One door supervisor to be situated at the stairs controlling entry to the first floor, one at the right of the stage near the dressing room and one at the left of the stage near the fire door.”**

**09/04      Application to Waive Condition 54 of the Public Entertainment Licence – Zanzibar, London Road, Derby.**

A report of the Director of Corporate Services was considered, which gave details of an application to waive condition 54 of the Public Entertainment Licence at Zanzibar. Paul Cowen, the applicant, attended the meeting and addressed the Sub Committee. No objections had been received. Mr Cowen was applying for consent to hold male revue acts. These acts would be held on a weekly basis on a Friday evening between 9 and 10pm to a female audience. Capacity would be restricted to 200 people. The act would involve a total striptease.

**Resolved to grant the application for the waiver of Condition 54 of the Public Entertainment Licence subject to the Council's additional special conditions and the following additional conditions:**

- **The entertainment is restricted to the ground floor only.**
- **The dressing room is the basement dressing room with lockable door.**

- **A seating plan must be agreed with the Chief Environmental Health Officer in advance of the entertainment and the capacity is limited to 200.**
- **The events to be limited to Friday nights only between the hours of 9 pm and 10.30 pm**
- **Female performers are prohibited.**

**Paragraph 8 of the standard special conditions to be amended to read:**

**“ There shall be at least 3 door supervisors on the premises when the authorised entertainment is taking place to ensure good order and the safety of performers and customers in addition to those situated on the main entrance to the premises. One door supervisor to be situated at the entrance door to the room in which the entertainment is taking place controlling entry, one at the right of the stage and one at the left of the stage.”**

**MINUTES END**