

LICENSING SUB COMMITTEE

19 JANUARY 2018

Present: Councillor Jackie Parry(Chairperson)
Councillors Taylor and Goddard

1 : DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were received.

2 : APPLICATION FOR THE GRANT OF A PREMISES LICENCE - THE
VAULTS, PORTLAND HOUSE

Applicants: Chris Spiteri, Owner
Dave Corbett, Security Manager

The Application

An application for the grant of a Premises Licence was received from Mount Events Barry Limited in respect of 113-116 Bute Street, Cardiff Bay, Cardiff.

The applicant applied for the following:

(1) In respect of the following licensable activities:

1. The supply of alcohol for consumption on the premises
2. The provision of regulated entertainment in the form of films, live music, recorded music and the performance of dance (all indoors)
3. The provision of late night refreshment (indoors)

(2) Description of Premises (as stated by applicant):

“The premises is a disused bank vault situated underneath an old banking hall. It has a very unique layout with various different rooms but has a very large footprint. The venue is protected by 1200mm thick walls which are excellent for sound issues, along with having non-flammable materials as the decor. Its situated under the building of Portland House and is regarded as one of the best underground venues in the UK”.

(3) Unless otherwise indicated the premises may be open to the public during the following hours and for any hours consequential to the non-standard timings:

Monday to Wednesday: 09:00 to 00:00
Thursday to Sunday: 09:00 to 05:00

(4) To provide licensable activities during the following hours:

1. The supply of alcohol for consumption on the premises:
Monday to Wednesday: 09:00 to 00:00
Thursday to Sunday: 09:00 to 05:00

2. The provision of regulated entertainment in the form of films, live music, recorded music and the performance of dance (all indoors):
Monday to Wednesday: 09:00 to 00:00
Thursday to Sunday: 09:00 to 05:00
3. The provision of late night refreshment (indoors):
Monday to Wednesday: 23:00 to 00:00
Thursday to Sunday: 23:00 to 05:00

At the commencement of the proceedings Members were advised that the applicant had accepted the recommendations requested in the written representations received from South Wales Police.

Applicants Representations

Mr Chris Spiteri addressed the Sub Committee. Mr Spiteri stated that he was surprised an objection was received as there have never been any complaints in the past regarding events at the premises and the respondent lived some distance from the premises.

Members were advised that when events take place sound levels are monitored and recorded at a number of locations near the premises. Sound levels nearest to residences are found to be generally lower. There is very little noise breakout and when the door is closed only a low level hum is audible. Later into the evening noise breakout seems louder as the sounding area is much quieter.

Mr Dave Corbett stated that he is always on the premises when events are taking place and no issues have ever been brought to his attention. There is regular liaison with South Wales Police and reports are provided before and after events take place. Although no representations have been received from Pollution Control, the applicants were also willing to consider further noise mitigation measures, such as the installation of acoustic curtains.

Mr Corbett asked how the validity of any objections can be verified. Officers indicated that the Sub Committee's decisions are evidence based and more weight would be given if an objector attended the proceedings in order to give a statement in person.

Responding to a question regarding litter and waste, Mr Spiteri stated that as soon as events have finished cleaners are employed to cleanse the concierge and external areas by 10.00am the same day. There are approximately 30 companies trading above the venue and it is essential cleansing take place before those companies open for business.

RESOLVED – That the Sub-Committee having considered all the information and in accordance with the requirements of the Licensing Act 2003, the Section 182 Guidance and the Licensing Authority's own Statement of Licensing Policy the Sub-Committee approved the application.

The meeting terminated at Time Not Specified

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