

LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE: 16th August 2019

Report of the Head of Regulatory Services

Application for Premises Licence - Variation

Licence No: CCCP01340

Name of Premises: Fuel Rock Club

Ward: Cathays

1. Application

1.1 An application for variation of a Premises Licence has been received from Fuel Rock Club Limited in respect of Fuel Rock Club, Unit 5 The Grand, Womanby Street, Cardiff, CF10 1BR.

1.2 The premises licence currently permits the following:

The sale by retail of alcohol for consumption on the premises:

Monday to Sunday: 11:00 to 03:30

New Year's Eve: until start of permitted hours on New Year's Day.

The provision of regulated entertainment in the form of films and recorded music (indoors):

Monday to Sunday: 11:00 to 04:00

New Year's Eve: until start of permitted hours on New Year's Day.

The provision of regulated entertainment in the form of live music (indoors):

Monday to Sunday: 19:00 to 00:00

New Year's Eve: 11:00 to 23:00

Bank Holiday Friday, Saturday, Sunday and Monday: 11:00 to 02:30

Christmas Eve: 11:00 to 02:30

Boxing Day: 11:00 to 02:30

The provision of late night refreshment (indoors):

Monday to Sunday: 23:00 to 04:00

- 1.3 The applicant has applied to vary the licence to include the sale by retail of alcohol for consumption OFF the premises to enable consumption of alcohol in the smoking area. Condition number 2b) shall therefore be removed.

A plan showing the location of the premises can be found attached as Appendix 1.

2. Promotion of Licensing Objectives.

- 2.1 A copy of the operating schedule submitted with the application is attached as Appendix 2.

3. Relevant Representations

- 3.1 An objection has been received from South Wales Police and a copy is attached as Appendix 3.

4. Legal Considerations.

- 4.1 In respect of the application the decision must be taken following consideration of the representations received with a view to promoting the licensing objectives which are:

Prevention of crime and disorder
Public Safety
Prevention of Public Nuisance
Protection of Children from Harm

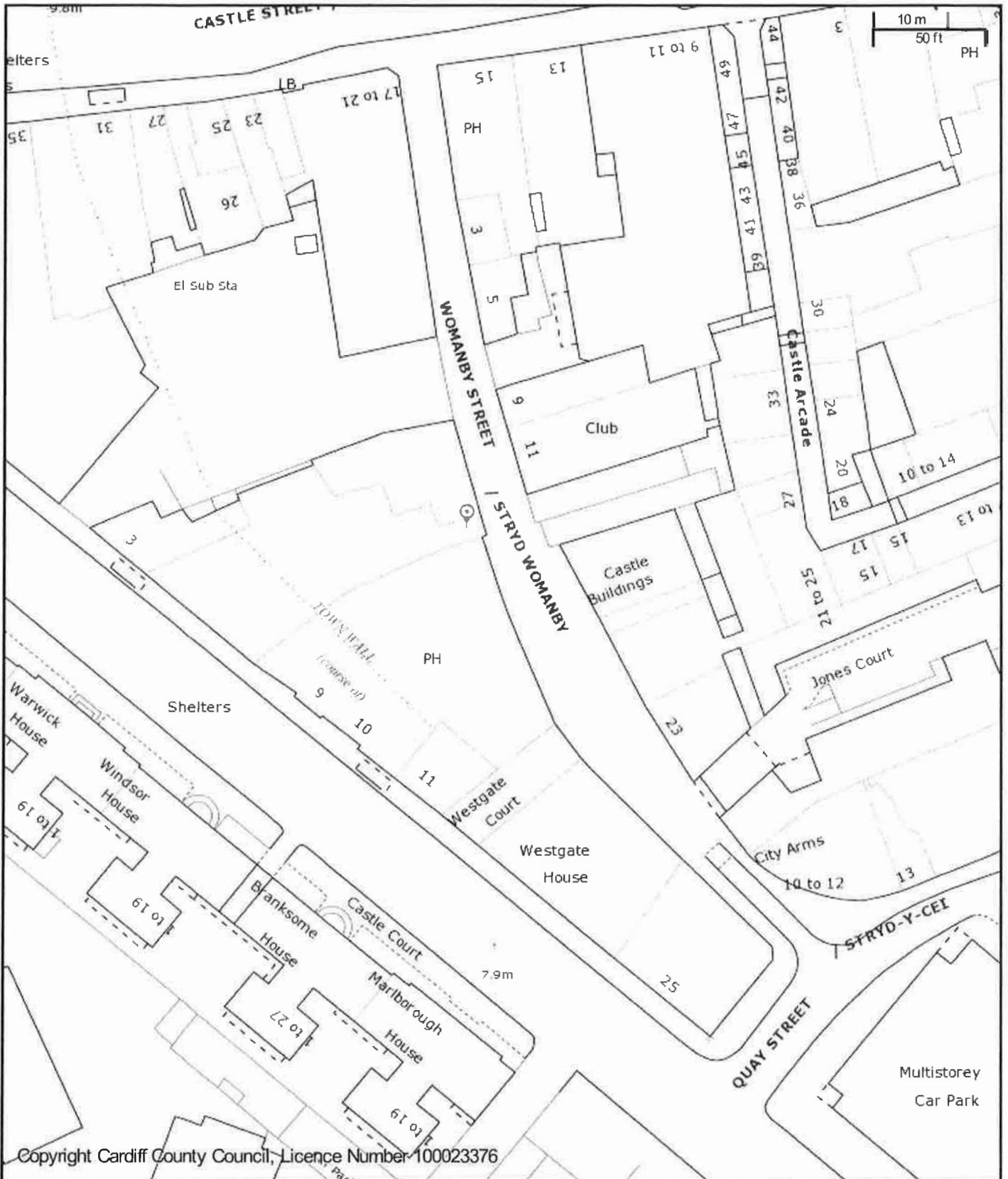
- 4.2 In each case the Sub-Committee may make the following determination

- a) To grant the application.
- b) To modify the conditions of the licence, by altering, omitting or adding to them, where relevant.
- c) Reject the whole or part of the application.

- 4.3 All decisions taken by the Sub-Committee must (a) be within the legal powers of the Council and its Committees; (b) comply with any procedural requirement imposed by law; (c) be undertaken in accordance with the procedural requirements imposed by the Council eg. standing orders and financial regulations; (d) be fully and properly informed; (e) be properly motivated; (f) be taken having regard to the Council's fiduciary duty to its taxpayers; and (g) be reasonable and proper in all the circumstances.

5. Issues for Discussion.

- 5.1 The application should be determined and the appropriateness of any conditions on the licence needs to be discussed.



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I have enclosed the relevant part of the premises licence

Reasons why I have failed to enclose the premises licence or relevant part of premises licence.

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LICENSING OBJECTIVES

Describe the steps you intend to take to promote the four licensing objectives:

a) General – all four licensing objectives (b,c,d,e)

List here steps you will take to promote all four licensing objectives together.

Fuel strives to offer a safe, welcoming environment, primarily for fans of rock music. However, a wide cross-section of customers enjoy the atmosphere. Before we took over the building, it had something of a poor reputation and had seen some unsavory incidents. We encourage responsible drinking, have SIA registered doorstaff on duty every night and have CCTV covering all areas of licensable activity.

b) The prevention of crime and disorder

Soon after taking over the premises, we doubled the number of CCTV cameras to 16, with HD footage of all areas where licensable activity takes place. We also have coverage of the street outside in both directions. Storage is as per our premises licence and has been verified by Police Licensing Officers. We employ SIA registered doorstaff every night from at least 2100.

c) Public safety

During our busiest periods, our doorstaff use clickers to keep track of numbers on the premises to guard against overcrowding. During all our trading periods, staff carry out regular checks of fire exits, and for potential hazards throughout the building. Risk assessments are in place, and all fire prevention equipment is checked and serviced regularly. A fire alarm system is shared by the whole Grand Hotel building and maintained by a property services company. All

d) The prevention of public nuisance

All our doors onto Womanby Street are closed at 2300 every night and we also have secondary doors between the front bar and the live performance area, to prevent further leakage of noise when live music is taking place. We also recently consulted with Wardell Armstrong, a local environmental and engineering consultancy to further prevent any possible noise nuisance. We have a waste management contract in place with Cardiff City Council Commercial Waste Department.

e) The protection of children from harm

Generally Fuel operates as an over 18 venue, with doorstaff and barstaff operating a "Challenge 21" policy. However, as a grassroots music venue, we believe strongly in allowing young people to experience live music at this level. Therefore, some of our live shows are advertised as "14+", with the condition that under 18s leave the premises at 2200 as per our license. This is ensured by our door staff. Bar staff continue to operate the challenge policy on the bar.

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NOTES ON REGULATED ENTERTAINMENT

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To whom it may concern,

Please find attached Police representations regarding the variation of the existing premises licence at Fuel Rock Club, Womanby Street Cardiff. The premises sits within the area defined by Cardiff City Council as that covered by their Cumulative Impact Policy and as such South Wales Police object under the following licensing objectives, Prevention of Crime and Disorder and Public Safety.

Rob Gunstone.

Pc 3487.

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19th July 2019

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**APPLICATION FOR A PREMISES LICENCE. LICENSING ACT 2003.
FUEL ROCK CLUB LIMITED. UNIT 5 THE GRAND. WOMANBY STREET
CARDIFF CF10 1BR.**

To whom it may concern,

I have caused enquiries to be made into this application. The premises is an established business, located at Womanby Street in Cardiff City centre. There are a number of licensed premises located within a very short distance of each other. The premises sits within the area as defined by Cardiff City Council as being that covered by their Cumulative Impact Policy. As such, South Wales Police object to the granting of the application to vary the existing new premises licence on the basis of the following licensing objectives, namely;

The Prevention of Crime and Disorder and that of Public Safety.

It remains for the applicant to demonstrate to the Council Licensing Sub-committee that there will be no additional impact made by the premises on the area as a result of this application.

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in Welsh will not lead to a delay in responding.