

## **PRESENT**

Councillor Martin Goodearl  
Councillor Keith Horgan  
Councillor Gareth Wilson

## **OFFICERS**

Stewart Broome – Senior Licensing Officer  
Maggie Camp – Director Legal & Monitoring Officer  
Leah Mickleborough – Interim Senior Democratic Services Officer  
Cameron Overton – Trainee Democratic Services Officer  
Angela Tyrrell – Senior Legal Assistant  
Karen Wright – ICT Manager

### **1. ELECTION OF CHAIR OF THE LICENSING (STATUTORY) SUB-COMMITTEE FOR THE MUNICIPAL YEAR 2024-25**

The interim senior democratic services officer invited members to nominate a chair. Councillor Goodearl proposed Councillor Horgan, which was seconded by Councillor Wilson. With no other nominations, Councillor Horgan was elected as chair.

### **2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Councillor Charlotte Cane, who was substituted by Councillor Gareth Wilson  
Councillor Lavinia Edwards, who was substituted by Councillor Martin Goodearl

### **3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

No declarations of interests were made.

### **4. DETERMINATION OF AN APPLICATION FOR A NEW PREMISES LICENCE AT LAND NORTH WEST OF HARLOCKS FARMSOHAM ROAD, STUNTNEY**

The Chair explained the procedure to be followed at the meeting and introduced the officers and members present.

The Chair invited the Senior Licensing Officer to present the report previously circulated (ref Z12).

The Senior Licensing Officer began by confirming that the applicant and responsible authorities had agreed conditions between themselves and agreed to dispense with a full hearing.

The Senior Licensing Officer advised the Sub-Committee that the application was seeking a 4 day premises licence for land behind Ben's Yard at Harlocks Farm, Soham Road, Stuntney, in order to host the Cambridge Rock Festival event. The licence would include the serving of alcohol, late night refreshment, live and recorded music.

The applicant had included information on the steps that they would take to promote the licensing objectives, included at appendix 2 to the report, and site plans which were included at appendix 3 and 4.

The environmental health domestic and commercial teams had objected to the licence, details of which were included at appendix 5, which resulted in the application being referred to the sub-committee to determine. There were no other representations on the application.

Following the publication of the agenda for the Sub-Committee, the applicant and relevant authorities agreed revisions to the licence conditions which meant that the objections from environmental health were now resolved. However, it is still necessary to hold the hearing, as the scheme of delegation required the Sub-Committee to determine the application. The Senior Licensing Officer referred members to the agreed conditions which had been separately circulated and explained the changes to the applicant's original submitted conditions.

The Senior Licensing Officer confirmed that the Sub-Committee could either grant the licence subject to conditions; exclude specific activities from the scope of the licence or reject the licence. He reminded members of the factors the committee must consider and that any conditions must be appropriate to achieve the licensing objectives.

The chair thanked officers and the applicant for working to agree revised conditions. He confirmed that according to the revised conditions, the applicant would be required to notify the Council if more than 499 attendees were expected at an event; this number of attendees had been used as it is the threshold for requiring a premises licence.

The chair invited members to ask questions of the Senior Licensing Officer. In response to a question from Councillor Wilson, the location of the closest residence was confirmed. Members were referred to appendix 4, the site plan, and reminded that no representations had been received from local residents.

The Chair queried various technical aspects of the application, including whether the deadlines for submitting notification of an event were sufficient; how the applicant can control noise levels on the site; the levels of security required and how the use of body-worn cameras is determined. The Senior Licensing Officer confirmed he was satisfied that the deadlines in the conditions were sufficient, and reminded the Sub-Committee if the applicant did not comply with the

conditions, the licence could be revoked. He confirmed the role of the Safety Advisory Group to ensure that there are appropriate safety measures planned for, and a debrief is held after events to reflect and improve for the future. Security measures such as body-worn cameras have to take into account their privacy impacts.

Councillor Wilson queried whether the applicant had to hold future events in August. The Senior Licensing Officer indicated the application covers a 4 day event on the site, subject to conditions, which remains in perpetuity unless revoked.

The Chair reminded the Sub-Committee that the applicant and responsible authorities were not present, as the conditions had been agreed in advance.

The Sub-Committee confirmed it was satisfied that it could deliberate its decision in public.

Councillor Goodearl, seconded by Councillor Wilson, proposed to grant the application subject to the agreed conditions, and the mandatory conditions. The Chair confirmed his support for the decision.

It was resolved:

To grant the licence, subject to the agreed conditions and the mandatory conditions, as will be set out in the decision notice attached to the minutes.

The meeting concluded at 10:34am.

