
CENTRAL LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE, 15.04.08

Present: Councillors J.R.Jones (Chairman); Tomos Evans; Dewi Llewelyn (for the application of Webber Leisure)

Also present: Gareth W. Jones (Senior Legal and Administrative Manager), Amlyn ab Iorwerth (Licensing Manager) and Barbara Owen (Committee Officer).

Apology: Councillor Dewi Llewelyn (for the application of the Vaynol Estate)

Others invited to the Meeting:

For the application of the Vaynol Estate: Inspector Garry Jones (Applicant); Mark Wood (D.P.S. Vaynol Estate)

For the application of Webber Leisure: Mr Mark Webber (Applicant); Mr Arthur Webber;
Representing the Applicant: Richard Arnott and Stephen Latter (Minotts company)

Objectors: Mr Neil Clowes and Mr Kenneth Corbett (Corbetts company); Ms Jane Walker (solicitor, Trethowans company on the behalf of Corbetts)

Local members: (the application of Webber Leisure) Councillors Roy Owen; Gerald Parry

1. APPLICATION FOR REVIEW OF LICENCE FOR THE VAYNOL ESTATE, BANGOR

(Despite the fact that there were only two of the three members of the Sub-committee present, everyone agreed to proceed to discuss the application because no objection had been received.)

Submitted – the report of the Licensing Manager providing details of the application of North Wales Police to review the Premises Licence of the Vaynol Estate. The application had been made as a result of problems that arose during last year's Faenol Festival. The Police were calling for an agreed transportation plan with the Gwynedd Highways Unit, in order to ensure the safety of the public around the site, and that this should be finalised two months prior to any event.

Another condition recommended by the Police was that an application be made for Police officers to be on duty during any event in order to protect public safety. This arose as a result of incidents that occurred during last year's Faenol Festival when police officers had to be called to deal with a number of cases of crime and disorder on some nights of the Festival. Consequently, many nearby areas were left without police presence to keep the peace. In the application, the Police listed detailed reasons for the recommendations.

The following procedure was followed when considering the application:-

- i) The applicant was given an opportunity to expand upon his application.
- ii) The members of the Sub-committee were given an opportunity to ask questions of the applicant.
- iii) The Supervisor was given an opportunity to add to the observations.

iv) The applicant was given an opportunity to summarise his case.

The Designated Premises Supervisor confirmed that he fully agreed with the conditions recommended by the Police, which resulted from meetings regularly held between the appropriate Services and the managers of the Vaynol Estate.

RESOLVED to add the following conditions to the Licence of the Vaynol Estate relating to every Outdoor Event:

- a) **To provide a Transport Management Plan in co-operation with Gwynedd Highways (agreed with the relevant companies) in order to ensure public safety on the Estate's roads, along with the roads leading to and from the Estate.**
- b) **The Transport Management Plan to be comprehensive and agreed, two months prior to any event.**
- c) **To submit an application to North Wales Police for Police presence in Outdoor Events for more than 500 people in order to i) detect and prevent crime; ii) detect and prevent cases of disturbing the peace; iii) implement and co-ordinate emergency plans. The Events Safety Advisory Group will determine the relevance of those matters and the need for provision after sufficient attention is given to the observations of Group members.**

The Senior Administrative and Legal Manager reported that a letter would be sent within five working days, confirming the Sub-committee's decision.

2. APPLICATION FOR PREMISES LICENCE UNDER THE GAMBLING ACT 2003 – WEBBER LEISURE, 2 POOL STREET, CAERNARFON

Submitted – the report of the Licensing Manager providing details of an application submitted by Webber Leisure for a Premises Licence under the Gambling Act 2003, to permit betting (off track) at 2 Pool Street, Caernarfon.

A statement was received from a solicitor on behalf of the Webber Leisure company, which was a local private company, on the preparation made for the proposed betting centre; how the policies of the Gambling Act and guidance of the Gambling Commission were adhered to along with the aspiration to run a business that would offer services to local residents but without being an attraction to children and vulnerable adults. The company was eager to work with relevant agencies in order to ensure this. It was reported that the company was prepared to discuss recommendations in relation to opening hours and willing to agree to the same terms as the Corbetts company in this context.

In response to questions asked by a solicitor on behalf of the objectors, the following observations were made:

- It was not intended to permit any machines between the entrance and the games room.
- Betting would be done through machines, rather than over the counter.
- Eight gaming machines would be permitted, with a maximum of four being B2 machines.
- £100 was the maximum bet that could be placed at a time and £50 notes would not be accepted.

RESOLVED to approve a Premises Licence to permit Betting (off track) for 2 Pool Street, Caernarfon in accordance with the Licensing Act 2005, subject to the following conditions:

- a) **Opening hours – Mondays to Saturdays 09:00 – 21:30; Sundays: 11:00 – 18:00.**
- b) **Abolish the foyer's existing licence.**
- c) **Provision of a disabled toilet.**
- d) **At least two members of staff will be present in the betting area at any time.**

- e) **Operating entirely within the policy submitted by the Webber Leisure company as part of the application.**

The meeting commenced at 10.10am and concluded at 12.30pm