

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, COUNCIL OFFICES, CORKS LANE, HADLEIGH ON THURSDAY 7 FEBRUARY 2013 (11.30 a.m.)

PRESENT: Mr A J Ward – Vice-Chairman in the Chair

Mr P Jones

Mr R W Thake

The following were present at the meeting to make representations:-

Mr L Carvell – Corporate Manager – Licensing
Members of the LeeStock Music Festival Management Team (the Applicant)

Mr J Janzen (Organiser)
Mr E Keogh (Organiser)
Mr P Keogh (Organiser)
Mr A Piper (Organiser and DPS for the event)

The following were in attendance at the meeting:-

Mrs K Saward – Head of Legal Services (Legal Adviser to the Sub-Committee)
Mrs L Sheppard – Senior Democratic Services Officer (Committee Clerk)

1 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

None declared.

2 LICENSING ACT 2003 – HEARING REPORT
NEW PREMISES (SECTION 17) LEESTOCK MUSIC FESTIVAL

The Corporate Manager – Licensing presented [Paper M144](#), relating to an application for the grant of a permanent premises licence for the grounds of Melford Hall on no more than two days each year. He informed Members that Mr Roper, the objector, was unable to be present and he therefore presented a summary of Mr Roper's objection which was set out in full in Appendix C to the report.

Mr P Keogh on behalf of the LeeStock Music Festival Management Team then addressed the Sub-Committee, giving the background to the event and details of the Team's arrangements for security/stewarding, noise and litter control, parking, transport plan, set-up and other matters to meet the licensing objectives and minimise any impact on local residents. He outlined the reasons for requesting a permanent permission to cover the holding of an annual event, and together with other members of the Team responded to questions from Members and the Corporate Manager. In response to a question from the Council's Legal Adviser, the access arrangements for the proposed event were clarified and reference was made to the site plan which would be included in the Event Management Plan (EMP) currently being developed. Members noted that the Team was awaiting the outcome of today's hearing before resuming its separate discussions with the district Safety Advisory Group (SAG) on the safety and welfare aspects.

The parties were offered the opportunity to make closing remarks, following which they withdrew to allow Members to deliberate the matter. The parties were then invited back into the meeting and the Council's decision was notified as follows:-

In reaching its unanimous decision to grant the application for a new Premises Licence, the Sub-Committee took into account the agreement reached with the Environmental Health Officer (Appendix D refers), which would be incorporated in the operating schedule and update the EMP (version 2 – Appendix B to Paper M144). The Sub-Committee also had regard to the concerns of the objector but concluded that appropriate measures, including arrangements for the control of noise and litter together with the EMP and the safety/welfare aspects as addressed through SAG, will be in place to meet the licensing objectives. Members were aware of the review provisions which are available if any adverse impact is identified during an event.

RESOLVED

That Application 008458 under Section 17 of the Licensing Act 2003 for a new Premises in respect of LeeStock Music Festival at Melford Hall, Long Melford be granted subject to conditions which are consistent with the operating schedule accompanying the application, modified to such extent as the Licensing Authority considers necessary for the promotion of the licensing objectives, and subject to any mandatory conditions which may apply.

The business of the meeting was concluded at 12.15 p.m.

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Chairman