

SHEFFIELD CITY COUNCIL

Licensing Sub-Committee

Meeting held 29 August 2023

PRESENT: Councillors Abdul Khayum (Chair), Maroof Raouf and Sioned-Mair Richards

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

1.1 There were no apologies for absence. Councillor Roger Davison attended the meeting as a reserve Member, but was not required to stay.

2. EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS

2.1 No items were identified where resolutions may be moved to exclude the public and press.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

3.1 There were no declarations of interest.

4. LICENSING ACT 2003 - WIG AND PEN, 44-46 CAMPO LANE, S1 2EG

4.1 The Chief Licensing Officer submitted a report to consider an application, made under Section 17 of the Licensing Act 2003, for the grant of premises licence in respect of the premises known as 'Wig & Pen, 44-46 Campo Lane, Sheffield, S1 2EG (Ref. No. 113/23).

4.2 Present at the meeting were Chris Harris, on behalf of Around and About Bars. (Applicant), Michelle Hazelwood (Legal Representative for the Applicant), Samantha Bond (Legal Adviser to the Sub-Committee), Daniel Parlett (Licensing Strategy and Policy Officer), Jay Bell (Democratic Services) and Joanne Cooper (Democratic Services).

4.3 Samantha Bond outlined the procedure which would be followed during the hearing. She explained there had been one objection to the application, although efforts had been made to contact to objector, no response had been given therefore the Sub-Committee had agreed to continue with the hearing.

4.4 Daniel Parlett presented the report to the Sub-Committee.

4.5 Michelle Hazelwood, on behalf of the applicant, mentioned that she had provided a document which showed the current status and condition of the premises. She explained that the application was for a new premises licence. The premises was

first licensed in 1968 and had been a licensed premises for a long period of time although the premises had recently suffered due to the impacts of the pandemic and therefore the previous licence were lost. Ms Hazelwood confirmed the applicant had agreed to CCTV conditions proposed by South Yorkshire Police. The applicant was seeking the following hours in respect of licensable activities: Sunday to Thursday 10:00 until 00:30 hours and Friday and Saturday 10:00 until 02:00 hours. The applicant was aware that premises in the immediate vicinity operated to similar hours. The applicant believed that allowing the premises to be operated until 02:00 hours would improve the likelihood of customers remaining at the premises and reduce the possibility of customers migrating from the premises to West Steet. As shown on the menu, the premises would operate as a Cocktail and Wine bar and serve a variety of food items. The premises had three levels, one in which would be used to provide live music. The applicant had historically worked in Sheffield and had over ten years of licensed experience.

- 4.6 Michelle Hazelwood, on behalf of the applicant, referred to the objector's representation (The objector was a resident at a neighbouring property). She mentioned she was uncertain as to where the objector currently resides as in the representation it was stated that the objector lived 'two doors down' although believed that two doors either side of the premises were office buildings with no current residential ability. Therefore, the noise disturbance and customers leaving the premises causing dispersal noise were likely to be limited.
- 4.7 Michelle Hazelwood, on behalf of the applicant, explained that as part of the application, the applicant had built in a condition that if door supervisors were required then they would be undertaken on a risk assessment basis.
- 4.8 The applicant added that the food variety would be limited to begin, although the ambition was to expand the menu with time.
- 4.9 In response to questions raised by Members of the Sub-Committee and Samantha Bond, the applicant explained that he was familiar with a supplier that could provide him with deserts, including gluten free deserts, which could be looked at being serving at the premises. The applicant explained that he had thought of alternative names for the premises although he was likely to retain the 'Wig & Pen' name to prevent any confusion. Michelle Hazelwood confirmed the footprint of the previous licence was identical. The differences from the previous licence were the operating hours for Friday and Saturday as the previous licence operated until 01:00 hours whereas the application was seeking 02:00 hours. Ms Hazelwood confirmed that live music, as stated in the application, would conclude at midnight. She confirmed that the applicant did not propose having live dance performances at the premises. Ms Hazelwood confirmed the objector had not used the phrase 'migrate to West Street' in their representation. The applicant stated that the premises could hold up to ninety customers although he did not expect all those customers, if at full capacity, to stay until 02:00 hours. The applicant explained that the closest premises which also operated until 02:00 hours on Fridays and Saturdays was the Church House. Samantha Bond confirmed the objector resided at 28 Compo Lane. Ms Hazelwood confirmed she had emailed the objector although she never received a response. She confirmed that she had not been given the objector's address prior to the hearing. The applicant confirmed there

was outdoor seating available for approximately fifty customers.

- 4.10 Michelle Hazelwood summed up the case on behalf of the applicant.
- 4.11 Daniel Parlett outlined the options available to the Sub-Committee.
- 4.12 RESOLVED: That the public and press and attendees involved in the application be excluded from the meeting, and the webcast be paused, before further discussion takes place on the grounds that, in view of the nature of the business to be transacted, if those persons were present, there would be a disclosure to them of exempt information as described in paragraph 5 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972, as amended.
- 4.13 Samantha Bond reported orally, giving legal advice on various aspects of the application.
- 4.14 At this stage in the proceedings, the meeting was re-opened to the public and press and attendees, and the webcast was recommenced.
- 4.15 RESOLVED: That in the light of the information contained in the report now submitted, the representations now made and the responses to the questions raised, in respect of the premises known as Wig & Pen, 44-46 Campo Lane, Sheffield S1 2EG (Ref. No. 113/23), the Sub-Committee agrees to grant the premises licence in the terms requested.

(NOTE: The full reasons for the Sub-Committee's decision will be included in the written Notice of Determination).