

**LICENSING COMMITTEE**13 June 2002  
(2.00 – 3.50pm)

**PRESENT:** Councillors Knowles (Chair), Cowell, Hipkin, Liddle, and Overhill  
Councillor Dixon attended as alternate member.

[Representatives from the Police and Fire Services were in attendance during the Committee's consideration of public entertainment licences.]

**FOR THE INFORMATION OF THE COUNCIL**02/m/47      **MINUTES**

The minutes of the meetings held on 28 February, 26 March and 18 April were confirmed as correct records and signed by the Chair.

02/m/48      **APOLOGIES**

An apology for absence had been received from Councillor Joye Rosenstiel.

02/m/49      **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

The Chair declared a personal interest as a member of the Arts Picture House.

02/m/50      **PUBLIC ENTERTAINMENT LICENCE: CAMBRIDGE ARTS PICTURE  
HOUSE, ST ANDREWS STREET**

The Head of Environmental Health and Waste Strategy (HEHWS) presented a report which described an application for a Public Entertainment Licence to permit two events per month, Monday to Saturday 9.00am-11.00pm and Sunday 11.00am-11.00pm.

Mr Otey attended in support of the application. In response to a question from the Chair, he stated that the 9.00am start time was to accommodate those films shown from 10.00am for children and in the mornings during the Film Festival.

**Resolved** that a Public Entertainment Licence be granted for the Cambridge Arts Picture House, for two events per month, Monday to Saturday 9.00am-11.00pm and Sunday 11.00am-10.30pm subject to the following conditions:

1. Temporary licence, to permit a maximum of 3 events only. HEHWS to give consent for each event separately, following 7 days notice.
2. Doors and windows shall remain closed during performances
3. Additional conditions, requested by the Fire Officer
5. One steward to be present.

02/m/51      **PUBLIC ENTERTAINMENT LICENCE: HAT & FEATHERS, BARTON ROAD**

The Head of Environmental Health and Waste Strategy presented a report which described an application for a Public Entertainment Licence for the Hat & Feathers Public House to permit up to 12 events per year, Monday to Saturday, 7.30pm to 11.00pm and Sunday 7.30pm-10.30pm. The Committee was advised that by agreeing the recommendation with conditions, the officers would be in a position to determine the impact of noise and parking.

**Resolved** that a Public Entertainment Licence for the Hat & Feathers Public House be granted, Monday to Saturday, 7.30pm to 11.00pm and Sunday 7.30pm-10.30pm.subject to the following conditions:

1. Temporary licence to permit 3 events only; not more than one event per month.
2. 7 days notice of events shall be given to HEHWS
3. No events may be held in the garden
4. Doors and windows to remain closed during events
5. One steward to be present.

02/m/52      **PUBLIC ENTERTAINMENT LICENCE: CCs SPORTS VENUE CAFÉ, STURTON STREET**

The Head of Environmental Health and Waste Strategy presented a report which described an application for a Public Entertainment Licence for CCs Sports Venue Cafe, Monday-Saturday 9.00am-11.00pm. Mr Edmunds attended in support of the application and in response to a question concerning promotional flyers, stated that these are monitored to ensure the correct times are publicised.

**Resolved** that a Public Entertainment Licence for CCs Sports Venue Café be granted, Monday-Saturday 9.00am-11.00pm, as in the previously expired licence and subject to the following conditions:

- 1) External doors and windows to remain closed during performances
- 2) A noise limiting device, set to operate to the satisfaction of the HEHWS, shall control all performance areas during events.
- 3) 100 events may be held per year, with no more than 2 events per week.
- 4) Minimum of two stewards, to be easily identified at all entertainment events.
- 5) Other conditions as shown on the Fire Certificate for the premises.

02/m/53      **PUBLIC ENTERTAINMENT LICENCE: FLEUR DE LYS PUBLIC**

### **HOUSE, HUMBERSTONE ROAD**

The Head of Environmental Health and Waste Strategy presented a report which described an application for a Public Entertainment Licence for the Fleur de Lys Public House, Monday to Saturday 7.00pm-11.00pm and Sunday 7.00pm-10.30pm. The Committee noted that there had been some problems at the premises whilst one of the joint licensees had been away. The Police confirmed that there were no objections to the application before the Committee. Mr Neal and Mr Dymond, (the applicants) confirmed that the situation had improved since the previous joint licensee had left the premises.

**Resolved** that a Public Entertainment Licence for the Fleur de Lys Public House be granted, Monday to Saturday 7.00pm-11.00pm and Sunday 7.00pm-10.30pm, as in the previously expired licence and. subject to the following conditions:

1. Events to be held in the games room only.
2. Only one event to be held per week.
3. Events to finish at normal pub hours.
4. Doors and windows to be kept closed during events.
5. No live bands to play music in the premises.

### **02/m/54 PUBLIC ENTERTAINMENT LICENCE: Q CLUB, 1, STATION ROAD**

The Head of Environmental Health and Waste Strategy presented a report which described an application for the renewal of the Public Entertainment Licence at the Q Club, Station Road. The Committee requested that trained stewards should be in place during trading. The HEHWS stated that this would be addressed in the renewal licence by including the existing conditions.

**Resolved** that the Public Entertainment Licence for the Q Club, Station Road, be renewed, subject to the following conditions:

1. Existing conditions
2. Any other conditions as requested by the Fire Officer
3. No events are to be held until sound insulation and fire precaution works are completed to the satisfaction of the Head of Environmental Health and Waste Strategy (HEHWS) and the Fire Officer.
4. The licence will be reviewed by committee at its meeting four months following the holding of the first event after reinstatement.

### **02/m/55 PUBLIC ENTERTAINMENT LICENCE: THE CARPENTERS ARMS, VICTORIA ROAD**

The Head of Environmental Health and Waste Strategy presented a report which described an application for the renewal and variation of the Public Entertainment

Licence at the Carpenters Arms, Victoria Road. The Committee noted the request by the officers for a deferral to the next meeting on 15 August. Mr Steele, the applicant, could not see why a deferral was required and highlighted that no complaints had been received in the last 16 months.

**Resolved** to defer consideration of the application to the next meeting on 15 August as requested in paragraph 4.1 of the officer report.

02/m/56      **PUBLIC ENTERTAINMENT LICENCE: TOXIC, CORN EXCHANGE STREET**

The Head of Environmental Health and Waste Strategy presented a report which described an application for the variation of a Public Entertainment Licence at the Toxic Nightclub, Corn Exchange Street.

The Committee noted that the application tied in with the Council's policy of limited extensions to opening hours for clubs in the central area generally. The Police supported the conclusions of the officer report that the extension should be permitted and then reviewed.

Mr Gibbs, the applicant stated that the management would continue to monitor carefully the passageway outside the club and would also look to improve the lighting outside the premises. Mr Howe spoke in objection to the application on behalf of the residents of Fisher House. He stated that the noise had been measured at 85/90 dB at 2.00am which was unacceptable. He also believed that closing time was the worst period for anti-social behaviour and allowing the club to open later would only delay the problems faced by residents. The HEHWS advised Mr Howe that the Council's out of hours noise service could be contacted when residents encountered unacceptable noise intrusion. The Committee noted that the service had not been called to investigate the premises for over a year. Mr Gibbs also advised the Committee that the sound equipment was fitted with an inhibitor which kept the noise level within the terms of the licence.

The Chair stated that when the application was brought back to Committee in October, officers should provide information on any noise complaints and whether the stewarding of the passageway had proved sufficient

**Resolved** to agree a variation to the Public Entertainment Licence of Toxic nightclub, Corn Exchange Street to permit opening until 3am on Saturdays with other conditions as at present, until the review of late opening on nightclubs is reviewed, at 31<sup>st</sup> October 2002 meeting and subject to the following:

1. To ensure that stewards include the area between the club and Fisher House in their duties.

02/m/57      **PUBLIC ENTERTAINMENT LICENCE: THE VENUE, REGENT STREET**

The Head of Environmental Health and Waste Strategy presented a report which described an application for the variation of the Public Entertainment Licence for up to

365 events per year.

**Resolved** to approve the variation of the licence subject to existing conditions.

02/m/58      **APPLICATIONS FOR PUBLIC ENTERTAINMENT LICENCES  
APPROVED UNDER DELEGATED POWERS**

The Committee noted the applications for Public Entertainment Licences that had been approved by the Head of Environmental Health and Waste Strategy under delegated powers, as listed on the agenda.

02/m/59      **PUBLIC ENTERTAINMENT LICENCES: TRANSFER OF NAMES**

The Committee noted the transfer of licensees' names, as listed on the agenda.

02/m/60      **STREET TRADING BEYOND THE CONSENT ZONE**

The Head of Street Services updated the Committee on the report concerning the four sites which had received negative comments (paragraph 6). In response to questions from Councillor Hipkin, the Head of Street Services undertook to write to the Bursar of Fitzwilliam College to request compliance with the planning permission to fill-in the old access road to the College and to inform the Police (copied to Councillor Hipkin). It was noted that the Council could pursue the matter through enforcement action if required.

The Committee was advised that the Executive Councillor for Environment had been consulted and agreed with the recommendations. The Chair stated that if members wished to pursue extending the consent zone city-wide there would be financial implications which were outside the Committee's remit. The Chair recommended that the issues addressed in the report be reviewed after a year and that if the consent zone is to be extended, that sufficient time would be given to allow consideration by the Executive any issues as part of the 2004/5 budget process.

**Resolved** (by 4 votes to 3 with the Chair using her casting vote in favour)

1. That the consent zone is not extended.
2. That officers continue to address the issues raised by residents which can be actioned using existing powers available.
3. That a voluntary code of conduct or information sheet is produced (also available in Turkish/Kurdish) that can be issued to traders, detailing what is expected of them.

02/m/61      **DATES OF FORTHCOMING MEETINGS**

The Committee agreed the dates as follows (all at 2.00pm):

Thursday 12 December 2002  
Thursday 30 January 2002  
Thursday 6 March 2003 (Annual Licensing Meeting)  
Thursday 24 April 2003 (falls during school holidays)

02/m/62      **TAXI LICENSING SUB COMMITTEE**

**Resolved**

- 1) The terms of reference of the Taxi Licensing (Disciplinary) Sub-Committee be broadened as follows (additional words shown in italics):
  - The determination of issues relating to *the granting of and* compliance with hackney carriage proprietor, driver and vehicle licences.
  - The determination of issues relating to *the granting of and* compliance with private hire vehicle operator, driver and vehicle licences.
- 2) The Sub-Committee's name be changed to reflect the broadened terms of reference, to the "Taxi Licensing Sub-Committee".
- 3) The above changes take effect from 14 June 2002.

02/m/63      **REVIEW OF CONDITIONS RELATING TO HACKNEY CARRIAGE VEHICLE LICENCES IN CAMBRIDGE**

The Chair requested that all Members (not just the Chair) of the Licensing Committee should receive minutes of the meetings which the Council held with the taxi trade. In response to a request from Councillor Dixon, the officers undertook to re-word new clause A26 to make it clear that it referred to access from the side of the vehicle.

**Resolved -**

1. That the existing conditions applying to hackney carriage vehicle licence 1 to 121 and numbered A1 to A25 on the attached appendix A remain in place for all licensed hackney carriage vehicles.
2. That the conditions numbered A26 to A30 on the attached appendix A, be adopted (as amended above) from 14<sup>th</sup> June 2002 and be applied to all new hackney carriage licensed vehicles issued as from that date, and for any replacement vehicle on hackney carriage vehicle licences 122 upwards.
3. That conditions numbered B1 to B5 on the attached appendix A, be deleted as

from 14<sup>th</sup> June 2002.

02/m/64      **EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC**

**Resolved**

To exclude members of the public from the meeting on the grounds that, if they were present, there would be disclosure to them of information defined as exempt from publication by paragraphs 7 and 14 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972.

02/m/65      **TO CONSIDER AN APPLICATION FOR A PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER'S LICENCE**

In advising the applicant of the Committee's decision, the Chair stated that members would take very seriously any future breach of the licence, however minor.

**Resolved**

To agree that the applicant was a fit and proper person to be permitted to continue with his application.

The meeting ended at 3.50pm.

**CHAIR**