



Leigh-on-Sea Town Council

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Chairman: Cllr Pat Holden
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Town Clerk: Paul Beckerson



MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE HELD ON TUESDAY 9th JANUARY 2012 AT THE COUNCIL OFFICES, 67 ELM ROAD, LEIGH-ON-SEA

Present: Cllrs: Mike Dolby (Chairman), Donald Fraser, Carole Mulroney and Paul Lawrence

In Attendance: Cllrs Richard Herbert (as an affected resident) and Pat Holden, Borough Councillor Alan Crystall, Paul Beckerson (Town Clerk)

The meeting opened at 7.30pm

20. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE
Cllr David Stanley

21. DECLARATION OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS
None

22. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING
The minutes of the meeting of the 23rd November 2011 were agreed and signed as a true record by the Chairman

23. LICENCE APPLICATIONS

**a) Grand Boutique Hotel, Restaurant and Bar
The Broadway, Leigh-on-Sea, Essex SS9 1PJ**

Application for a new premises licence to supply alcohol for consumption on and off the premises daily from 08:00 to 01:00 the following day Sunday to Wednesday, 08:00 to 02:00 the following day Thursdays and 08:00 to 02:30 the following day on Friday and Saturdays.

To extend permitted hours by an additional hour on Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday of the Easter Weekend; Friday, Saturday and Sunday of the two May Bank Holidays and the August Bank Holiday; Christmas Eve and Boxing Day; Burns Night; Valentines Day; St. David's Day; St. Patricks Day; St. Georges Day; St. Andrews Day; and Halloween, if that day is not followed by a normal working day. On New years Eve from the end of the permitted hours until the start of permitted hour the following day.

The provision of regulated entertainment comprising films, recorded music, performances of dance and anything similar, the provision of entertainment facilities for making music, dancing and anything similar daily from 08:00 to 01:00 the following day Sunday to Wednesday, 08:00 to 02:00 the following day Thursdays and 08:00 to 02:30 the following day on Friday and Saturdays.

The provision of Live Music daily from 08:00 to 00:00 Monday to Saturdays and 08:00 to 23:00 on Sundays.

Objection

On the grounds of **Prevention of Public Nuisance** and **Public Safety**.

The proposed hours until 02:30 are likely to change the customer profile of the people frequenting the locality, as well as the numbers, to what is a predominantly residential area, which would place the Grand in competition for clientele with such establishments in Southend Town Centre where they are more appropriately sited. The proximity of the premises to residential dwellings in the adjoining roads would make

it unlikely that the operation of the venue could be conducted without disturbance to residents bearing in mind the late hours proposed both at the weekends and in the week, when people have to get up early for work or school.

The proposed perimeter checks every half hour are not considered sufficient to control the likely access and egress of customers on to a one way street and a busy road junction. The surrounding streets suffer from parking stress and it is likely the limited parking on site for the numbers envisaged would lead to indiscriminate parking to the detriment of public safety and causing public nuisance.

The applicant has not demonstrated how the noise levels from the venue and customers will be controlled in this sensitive residential area especially bearing in mind the request for late night refreshment outdoors until the close of the premises. No noise limiting features have been identified to ameliorate the escape of noise from within the premises considering the age of the structure. The proposed hours of 01:00 for the week nights would draw customers from surrounding venues with earlier closing times. There is concern regarding the use of an impromptu risk assessment to be carried out to advise whether Door Supervisors are required, when other premises in the area are required to have them when the premises are open later than 23:00.

The meeting closed at 8.07pm