

RECORD OF DECISION

LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE

DATE OF HEARING: THURSDAY, 13 JUNE 2024

MEMBERS: Councillors M L Beuttell, P Kadewere and N Wells (Chair)

APPLICATION CONSIDERED: PRIORY PARK, HUNTINGDON ROAD, ST NEOTS, CAMBRIDGESHIRE PE19 1RF

We heard representations from the following persons:

The Applicant and 2 Colleagues.
9 Interested Parties.

We found the following facts:

1. The Sub-Committee found that there was an error with the Application Notice namely that the maximum fine for fraudulent declaration was incorrect and should have been unlimited fine.
2. The process of raising objections did not cover all possible forms of submission adequately. However, the Sub-Committee deemed all the factors highlighted did not have sufficient materiality and the Sub-Committee decided that it was just in all the circumstances to let the application proceed.
3. The Sub-Committee found that granting a license for multiple events throughout the year was not acceptable to the interested parties.
4. The Applicant confirmed that they only plan to have one 2-day event once per year.
5. The Applicant accepted the conditions imposed by the Environmental Health Department.

In making our decision we considered the following:

- ❖ Statutory provisions referred to in the report
- ❖ Statutory Guidance referred to in the report
- ❖ Huntingdonshire District Council's Statement of Licensing Policy

- ❖ Licensing Officer's Report
- ❖ Advice from the District Council's Legal Representative
- ❖ Submission from the Applicant
- ❖ Representations from those listed above
- ❖ Written representations from those not present at the hearing
- ❖ Suggested amendments from the Applicant
- ❖ Responses to questions asked by Members and those attending the hearing.

Our decision is as follows:

To grant the license subject to the following conditions:

1. Only one event per annum is permitted for no more than 2 consecutive days and will not be permitted on weekends with bank holidays.
2. The only events involving amplified live and/or recorded music/sound held under this licence on Priory Park should be those organised by Neotists CIC
3. The exact date of the St Neots Festival each year will be notified to the Licensing Authority and the Local Safety Advisory Group as soon as it has been agreed for the year, and in any case no later than 3 months prior to the date of the event. The notice will include a draft version of the Event Management Plan.
4. The Premises Licence Holder will submit the final agreed version of the EMP to the Safety Advisory Group no later than 14 days before the day of the event. The final version of the EMP must be agreed by the Licensing Authority and Cambridgeshire Police.
5. The EMP shall (as a minimum) contain, but is not limited to:
 - a) A detailed site plan showing the locations of entertainment areas, food and drink vendors, entrances and exits, emergency access points and other relevant areas
 - b) Details of security and stewarding arrangements for the event, including crowd management and control
 - c) A drugs policy
 - d) A Traffic Management Policy
 - e) A Safeguarding Policy
 - f) A Noise Management Plan
6. Any changes to the final EMP may only be made with the written agreement of the Licensing Authority.
7. The contents of the EMP will be regarded as licence conditions, where it relates to the licensable activities and licensing objectives.

Our reasons for reaching the decision are as follows:

1. The clarity provided by the Applicant was deemed sufficient to satisfy the main concerns of the interested parties and Licensing Sub Committee.

2. The imposed conditions are sufficient to reduce the concerns of the interested parties surrounding the four licensing objectives.

Date: 13 June 2024

PLEASE NOTE

You have a right of appeal to the Magistrates Court against the decision above. You **MUST** lodge any appeal with the Magistrates Court within 21 days from the date of this decision.

The address of the Magistrates Court is:-
Peterborough, Huntingdon and Fenland Magistrates Court
Bridge Street
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