

LONDON BOROUGH OF LEWISHAM

MINUTES of the meeting of the LICENSING COMMITTEE, which was open to the press and public held on TUESDAY 28 APRIL 2022 and held remotely at 7.pm.

Present

Councillor Stamirowski (Chair) Councillor Brown (Vice Chair) Councillors Elliott, Howard, Kalu, and. Wise

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Campbell and Latouche.

Also Present

Lisa Spall - Crime, Enforcement and Regulations Officer
Jay Kidd-Morton – Lawyer

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Applicants

Kieran Clancy – Krankbrother Director.
Mick Bowles – Health and Safety Officer
Jools Butterfield – Community Liaison

Representation

Councillor Wells – London Borough of Bromley

1. Minutes

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting of the Licensing Committee held on 12 April 2022 be confirmed and signed.

2. Declarations of Interests

None.

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- 3.1 The Chair welcomed all parties to the Licensing Committee. She introduced those present, and outlined the procedure to be followed for the meeting. She then invited the Crime Enforcement and Regulations Officer to introduce the applications.

Crime, Enforcement and Regulation Officer

- 3.2 The Crime Enforcement and Regulations (CER) Officer said that the application was in relation to representations that had been received with regard to two full

variation applications from Krankbrothers for events to take place in Beckenham Place Park BR3 5BS. She outlined the current licensed activities at the premises and the applications applied for. Eleven applications had been received from interested parties including two local councillors.

3.3 Ms Spall then outlined the powers available to members when making their decision.

Applicant

3.4 Mr Clancy then addressed the Committee. He made the following points:

- Krankbrother had been organising events in Beckenham Place Park since 2019 and had received positive feedback from local authorities. The audience was predominantly young people from the greater London area and a large number from the immediate area of the park.
- The events in Beckenham Place Park had had a low impact on the community and there had been positive engagement with that community and the responsible authorities. Krankbrothers had responded to issues when brought to their attention.
- The application was within the licensing policy and reflected previous engagement with the responsible authorities.
- Representations opposing this application had not been received from the Metropolitan Police, responsible authorities, the noise control teams or the nuisance teams within Lewisham. Krankbrothers believed that this was due to the confidence that authorities had in the way their events operated, the low impact of previous shows and robust licensing conditions.
- A small number of objections had been received from local residents. Krankbrothers were very committed to liaising with local residents. Mr Butterfield had been appointed as a community liaison officer. Two residents' meetings had been held since the last event in 2021. Two more meetings were planned before the next event. Following the number of noise complaints last year, communication with residents had gone a long way to improving relations and trust.
- A new noise management plan had been created to help reduce local disturbance. The plan self-imposed a low frequency limit. The P A direction had been changed, the site design had changed, monitoring locations had increased, and output from speakers would be reduced.
- Noise was not expected to increase because of an increase in capacity.
- Krankbrothers pay £25k damage deposit every year to the park. Last year £18k was paid for restoration costs. They work closely with the park team and ensure that any damages following an event is addressed.
- Communication with residents had increased considerably and a contact address had been given to ensure that they had the opportunity to contact Krankbrothers and raise any concerns if necessary.

3.5 Councillor Brown asked for more information about road closures and how they would work. He also asked Mr Butterfield whether anyone had engaged with any of the objectors who had made a representation against this application or been in contact with any local recognised organisation. Mr Butterworth said that the letter

had been circulated to members of this Committee and all residents who had made a representation. He did not know whether these residents previously attended any of the consultations, but the letter had been sent directly to each individual. The Westgate Residents' Association had replied to Krankbrothers. There had been a consensus by members of their Committee, that if the road was closed and marshalled for the event with the noise management plan in place, they would not attend the meeting this evening or oppose the application.

- 3.6 Mr Butterfield explained that the traffic management company, The Last Mile, would be engaged to help manage the closure of the roads. Temporary Traffic Regulation Orders could be used for Beckenham Place Park and then their own stewards and security would be used to close other roads. Residents would be the only people who may access these roads.
- 3.7 Councillor Elliott asked whether an increase in toilet facilities would be part of the event management plan. Mr Bowles said that the document 'the event safety guide' would be used. It was an HSE guidance for outside events and there was a baseline recommendation for toilet provision. In addition, routes to and from the station were being identified for appropriate toilet provision in an effort to manage anti-social behaviour.
- 3.8 Councillor Howard asked the applicants why they had applied for two different festival events in a highly residential area. The setting up and removal of equipment would take two days and there would be environmental damage. In addition the events would take place when birds were nesting. Mr Clancy said that the number of event days would not increase. The application was for an increase in capacity because they had strong demand for the events because previous events had been successful and young people in the south London area wanted to buy tickets. A bigger crowd allows Krankbrother to attract better artists, improved production, and generally allows them to elevate the event. Having the event on consecutive weekends can be challenging for residents but following intensive research, from an ecological point of view the park would be occupied for less days. Equipment would be delivered once rather than twice, and all the CO2 emissions associated with the lorries would be avoided
- 3.9 Councillor Wise referred to the map at the back of the application. She said that the VIP and stage were close to the lake. She asked whether the public could access to the lake and was advised that they could not gain access to that area because there would be a fence between the audience and the lake. She was also advised that 'boneyard' was a term used where stillages and empty fly cases were stored

Representation

- 3.10 Councillor Wells then addressed the Committee. He said that following the last event managed by Krankbrothers in 2019, local residents raised three issues. Noise, which had been addressed by the applicants in their presentation, He welcomed their attempts at mitigation of noise issues for residents, and asked Mr Clancy to send him a copy of the new noise plan. Attempts to reduce noise levels

would be welcomed by Beckenham residents because the noise could be heard several miles away in 2019

- 3.11 Councillor Wells said that the closure of certain roads was welcomed, all were within the borough of Bromley. He asked whether this had been discussed with officers within that borough to set up the closures and pay for these closures. Braeside and Highland Croft would be closed by the borough of Bromley if Krankbrothers did not intend to close them. Residents had experienced difficulty parking during the event of 2019.
- 3.12 Events held in 2019 did not have enough marshalling or policing, particularly Naked City. Although the situation improved slightly after this event, anti-social behaviour, defecation and urination in residents' front gardens was common. Anti-social behaviour was significantly worse as patrons left the area and marshalling should be improved. He welcomed the intention to place toilet facilities at and on the way to transport hubs.
- 3.13 In conclusion, Councillor Wells said that he objected to the increase in the numbers of people attending the event. Following the experience of the events that took place in 2019, he did not have confidence in Krankbrothers to marshal and police future events if capacity was increased by 50%.
- 3.14 Ms Spall clarified that members had the power to grant, modify or reject the application.
- 3.15 Mr Butterfield confirmed that the traffic management company, Last Mile, were aware that they needed to engage with Bromley highways on the road closures.
- 3.16 The Chair said that she was satisfied that members of the Committee had read and heard all the information required to make a decision. Before members left the meeting and proceeded to the vote, she needed to ensure that every member who would be voting on his item had been present throughout and had no internet disruptions. Each member then confirmed that they had been present throughout this item and had heard all the evidence.
- 3.17 The Chair said that a decision letter would be sent out within 5 working days. She thanked all parties for their attendance, and they left the meeting.

Exclusion of the Press and Public

RESOLVED that under Section 100 (A) (4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12 (A) of the Act, as amended by the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Access to Information) (Amendments) (England) Regulations 2006 and the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighed the public interest in disclosing the information:

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The following is a summary of the items considered in the closed part of the meeting.

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The application was granted.

The meeting ended at 7.35pm

Chair