

LONDON BOROUGH OF LEWISHAM

MINUTES of the meeting of the LICENSING COMMITTEE, which was open to the press and public held on MONDAY 13 JUNE 2022 at 7pm and held remotely via Microsoft Teams.

Present

Councillor Wise (Chair) Councillor Anifowose (Vice-Chair) Councillors, Huynh, Jackson, Kestner, Shrivastava and Warner.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Brown, Hayes and Howard.

Also Present

Richard Lockett –Senior Licensing Officer
Jay Kidd-Morton - Lawyer

Rowdy Deptford, 13 Deptford Church Street, London, SE8 4RX

Usman Ahmed – Applicant.

1. Minutes

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meetings of the Licensing Committee held on 25 and 26 May 2022 be confirmed and signed. The minutes of 28 April to be considered at the next meeting.

2. Declarations of Interests

None.

3. Rowdy Deptford, 13 Deptford Church Street, London, SE8 4RX

- 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 Senior Licensing Officer to introduce the application.

Senior Licensing Officer

- 3.2 Mr Lockett said that the meeting was being held in relation to representations received for a new premises licence at Rowdy Deptford 13 Deptford Church Street SE8 4RX. He outlined details of the application. Two representations had been received from Councillor Dacres and the Deptford Society. Both objections were on the grounds of Public Nuisance.
- 3.3 Mr Lockett then outlined the powers available to Members when making their decision.

Applicant

- 3.4. The applicant said that Lewisham had granted a licence over a year ago for their existing business at 316 Lee High Road. They had not received any complaints from the public. Rowdy Deptford would be the same type of business and managed in a similar way.
- 3.5 The applicant said that objections received with regard to this application were potential noise that the business could create. He considered that this was an exaggeration. He was told by the Council that a licence was only required if hot food was served. He said that his business had been selling ice cream and shakes for the last two months until 3am. The only complaint received was from the resident living above the premises. He complained that the noise from the blender was too loud. The applicant installed a silencer and the resident did not have any further complaints.
- 3.6 Councillor Shrivastava asked whether, based on his current business, he intended to be open for business every night until 4am. The applicant did not expect to open this late every night. He had applied for these hours so that he did not have to apply for a Temporary Event Notice when he expected to be busy; Boxing day for example. He also expected to use this late night opening to allow him time to clear up before closing. He did not expect the premises to close after 3am.
- 3.7 Councillor Jackson said that the business would essentially be a takeaway service with delivery vehicles coming into the area relatively frequently and late into the evening. The noise of these vehicles was one of the concerns that had been raised in the objections. He asked how many extra covers were expected after midnight until the premises closed. The applicant said that the premises was situated on a busy road. He said that they had been selling ice cream and waffles and there were approximately 13 drivers in total between 11pm and 3am on the recent bank holiday. When hot food was available, this number could increase another 30% to 40% on the busiest days with 10 delivery drivers over a period of 4 hours.
- 3.8 Councillor Anifowose asked whether deliveries were given to drivers inside or outside the premises. The applicant said that there was a designated area inside the premises for delivery drivers while orders were prepared.
- 3.9 There were no objectors present at the meeting. The Chair said that the objections were included in the agenda which members of the Committee had read.
- 3.10 In summary the applicant drew Members' attention to the fact that they had one business in Lewisham that was being managed well and he expected the same success with the proposed business at 13 Deptford Church Street. A late night licence was important for their businesses because they only started trading at 5pm. The premises had been closed for 2 years and he intended to create jobs for local people and his business would be of benefit to the community.

- 3.11 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 this 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.
- 3.12 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 item considered in the closed part of the meeting.

Rowdy Deptford, 13 Deptford Church Street, London, SE8 4RX

The application for a new premises licence was APPROVED.

The meeting ended at 7.20pm

Chair