



# East Cambridgeshire District Council

## **Minutes of a Meeting of the Licensing (Statutory) Sub Committee**

Held at The Grange, Nutholt Lane, Ely, CB7 4EE at 10:00am  
on Thursday 7 December 2023

### **Present:**

Cllr Charlotte Cane  
Cllr Lavinia Edwards  
Cllr Keith Horgan

### **Officers:**

Stewart Broome – Senior Licensing Officer  
Angela Tyrrell – Senior Legal Assistant  
Hannah Walker – Trainee Democratic Services Officer

### **In attendance:**

Karen Wright – ICT Manager

## **11. Apologies and substitutions**

There were no apologies nor substitutions for this meeting.

## **12. Declarations of interest**

No declarations of interest were made.

## **13. Application for the review of a premises – Licensing Act 2003**

**Premises: TR Events, Sunnyridge Farm, 10 Mill Road, Lode,  
Cambridge, CB25 9EN**

The Sub-Committee considered a report, Y108 previously circulated, to determine an application for the review of a premises licence held by Douglas Durrant in respect of TR events, Sunnyridge Farm, 10 Mill Road, Lode, Cambridge, CB25 9EN.

The Senior Licensing Officer explained the background of the application, the site benefitted from an existing Premises Licence held by Douglas Durrant issued under the Licensing Act 2003 called Lodestar for a festival event capacity of 14,999. The Lodestar festival itself had not been run for a number of years but did not affect the validity of the licence and would not have an impact on the decision at today's Sub-Committee.

The Premises Licence was applied for by Mr Durrant on 25 October 2023 under section 17 of the Licensing Act 2003 for Sunnyridge Farm, 10 Mill Road, Lode trading as TR events to run the premises as an outdoor marquee for private events. Due to a few clerical errors the Licensing Authority were unable to validate the application until 27 October 2023, and therefore the consultation period ran until 24 November 2023.

Members were reminded of the licensable activities and proposed hours in Table 1 within the Officer's report. During the consultation period the Licensing Authority received three representations from responsible authorities from Cambridgeshire Constabulary, and both Environmental Health – Domestic and Commercial. The applicant had agreed to the amended list of conditions in Appendix 5 of the Officer's report.

Members were reminded that the application should be determined with a view to promoting the four licensing objectives: the prevention of crime and disorder; the prevention of public nuisance; public safety; and the protection of children from harm. Members were required to have regard to the Statutory Guidance issued under Section 182 of the Licensing Act 2003 and the Council's Statement of Licensing Policy.

Members were provided with the Officer's recommendations to determine the review application, and have regard to the considerations as follows:

- No representations were received from "other persons" defined by the Act.
- An agreement had been reached between all parties.
- Officers considered the amendment to conditions would have no adverse effects on the general public or any responsible authority.
- Both the applicant and those who submitted representations have agreed to dispense with a formal sub-committee hearing, as a result of the amendments in Appendix 5 of the Officers report.

The Senior Licensing Officer concluded that Members must provide the reasons for their decisions and consider their responsibilities under the Human Rights Act 1998. The applicant could appeal the Sub-Committee's decision at the Magistrate's Court. The right of appeal was 21 days from the date of notification of the decision and there would be costs associated with the process.

Cllr Horgan asked the Senior Licensing Officer to confirm the existence of the Event Management Plan (EMP). The Senior Licensing Officer confirmed that Appendix 5 of the report included the amended conditions for 2023, he confirmed that on the day before the Sub-Committee meeting at 4:30pm he received confirmation that the EMP was agreed by all responsible authorities and expects the applicant to hold the events according to the agreed plan.

*The Chairman explained that the Sub-Committee Members plus the Senior Legal Assistant would be going into a closed session to discuss the application and come to its decision and all parties would be notified within 5 days.*

The meeting closed at 10:15am.

**EAST CAMBRIDGESHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL  
LICENSING ACT 2003  
NOTICE OF DETERMINATION OF LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE HEARING  
DECISION NOTICE**

**Date of Hearing:** Thursday 7th December 2023

**Sub-Committee Members:** Councillor Keith Horgan (Chairman)  
Councillor Lavinia Edwards  
Councillor Charlotte Cane

**Officers** Hannah Walker – Trainee Democratic Services Officer  
Stewart Broome – Senior Licensing Officer  
Angela Tyrrell - Senior Legal Assistant

**Applicant:** Mr Douglas Durrant

**Responsible Authorities:** None

**Other Persons:** None

**Application by:** Mr Douglas Durrant

**Premises Address:** T R Events, Sunnyridge Farm, 10 Mill Road, Lode, Cambridgeshire CB25 9EN.

**Date of Application:** Friday 27th October 2023

**Details of Application:** Application for a new Premises Licence under Section 17 of the Licensing Act 2003.

**ORAL AND WRITTEN EVIDENCE PRESENTED TO THE HEARING**

**Written Evidence**

The Sub-Committee members have read the material presented to them and listed below:

The Licensing Officer's Report - this included:

1. A copy of the Applicant's application form and their supporting documentation;
2. A copy of the representations submitted by the responsible authorities;
3. A location plan of the premises;
4. A copy of the agreed amended conditions
5. Section 182 Statutory Guidance extracts;
6. Local Statement of Licensing Policy extracts.

**Oral Evidence**

The Sub-Committee members heard the following oral evidence:

The Licensing Officer

The Licensing Officer presented the report, and answered Member questions.

The Applicant

Not present

The responsible authorities

Not present

The following Guidance was considered:

East Cambridgeshire District Council Statement of Licensing Policy – 7th January 2021

Revised Guidance issued under section 182 of the Licensing Act 2003 – August 2023

**DECISION:** Members of the Licensing Sub-Committee (in exercise of the powers delegated by East Cambridgeshire District Council as Licensing Authority) decided to:

**GRANT** the Premises Licence to Mr Doug Durrant in accordance with para 4.4(a) of the Officer Report subject to:

- (i) the conditions that are consistent with the operating schedule accompanying the application, as amended and shown at Appendix 5 of the Report, and
- (ii) any mandatory conditions that must be included in the licence.

**REASON:** In reaching this decision, Members of the Sub-Committee took into account that no representations had been received from ‘other persons’ defined by the Act, and they agreed that the agreement reached between all parties provided greater protection than the original application provided, and did not widen the scope of the original application submitted.

They also agreed that the amendment would have no adverse effect on the general public or any responsible authority as a result of those amendments being agreed.

Members also noted that an Event Management Plan had been approved on the 6th December 2023 by the three responsible authorities who had provided representations on the application, namely Cambridgeshire Constabulary and both Domestic and Commercial Environmental Health.

The Sub-Committee also considered that whilst the notice periods for the 2023 “event period” did not apply, they would apply for any subsequent events, and these notice periods would need to be complied with. Members also noted that it would have been beneficial for the applicant to seek pre-application advice as appropriate.

**RIGHTS OF APPEAL**

The Applicant or any persons who made a relevant objection have a right of appeal against this decision. Notice must be given to the Clerk to the Cambridge Magistrates' Court, The Court House, Bridge Street, Peterborough PE1 1ED within 21 days of notification of the Licensing Sub-Committee's decision. Email: [cb-enquiries@hmcts.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:cb-enquiries@hmcts.gsi.gov.uk)

Chairman.....

Date.....