

Licensing Sub-Committee

Tuesday, 23rd February, 2016

PRESENT: Councillor B Selby in the Chair

Councillors S McKenna and G Wilkinson

144 Election of the Chair

RESOLVED – Councillor Selby was elected Chair of the Licensing Sub Committee for the duration of the meeting.

145 Appeals Against Refusal of Inspection of Documents

There were no appeals against refusal of inspection of documents.

146 Exempt Information - Possible Exclusion of the Press and Public

There were no exempt items.

147 Late Items

Item 7 – Certification of Films was submitted as a late item. Minute 150 refers

148 Declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests

There were no declarations of pecuniary interests made.

149 Application for the Grant of a Premises Licence for Amazon Unit 1, Millennium Way, Beeston, Leeds, LS11 5AL

This was an application for the grant of a premises licence, made by Amazon UK Services Ltd, for Amazon Unit 1, Millennium Way, Beeston, Leeds, LS11 5AL.

There had been no representations from responsible authorities but had attracted representations from local residents on the grounds of public nuisance. The letters received were attached at appendix C of the submitted report. The objectors were not present at the hearing.

The Licensing Officer informed the Members that the application had initially been for the sale of alcohol 24 hours a day every day for off sales. However, a letter had been received from the solicitors representing Amazon UK Services Ltd which indicated that Amazon UK Services Ltd were prepared to reduce the hours of operation of the Premises Licence from 06:00 to 00:00 midnight.

The Sub Committee was informed that there was no public access to the premises and that the sale of alcohol would be by way of internet orders only.

Mr Crank the solicitor representing Amazon UK Services Ltd informed the Members of the following:

- The premises was a large distribution warehouse
- Service orders would be via the internet only
- A wide range of products would be available with 5-6% only for alcohol
- All drivers had training which included Challenge 25 and appropriate forms of identification

- Hand held monitors were used by drivers to record deliveries which prompted the Challenge 25 and identification when the product was alcohol.
- The premises had been chosen because of the large car park so that there was no issue with on street parking
- Loading would be carried out at the far side of the unit away from residential properties
- Amazon was prepared to reduce the hours of operation from 24 hours a day to 06:00 to 00:00 midnight.

In response to questions from Members the Sub Committee was informed that deliveries to residential properties would be between 06:00 – 00:00 midnight.

Mr Singhal representing Amazon UK services Ltd responded to Members questions explaining the procedure for drivers should they feel that their safety was compromised.

He went on to inform the Members that no risk assessment of the Leeds area had been undertaken. However, risk assessments had been undertaken in some parts of London and two drivers were assigned the delivery if required.

Mr Crank informed the Sub Committee that Amazon was a responsible company and all points raised by the Members would be addressed should the licence be granted.

RESOLVED – That the Licensing Sub Committee carefully considered the application taking into account the representations received. They noted that there was no representation from responsible authorities and that the distribution was not solely for alcohol. The Licensing Sub Committee granted the application as applied for with the amendment to the hours of operation.

150 Certification of Films

The report of the Head of Elections, Licensing and Registration advised Members of an application for the certification of films to be shown at the Leeds Young Film Festival between the 24th March and 31st March 2016.

The report informed Members of the background, history and issues of an application made under the Licensing Act 2003 (“the Act”) for the certification of films that do not currently have a BBFC (British Board of Films Classification) certification.

The BBFC categories were set out at 2.2 of the submitted report.

Martin Grund of Young Peoples Film Festival and Alex King of Leeds International Film were in attendance at the hearing.

Members had queried the certification of one of the films ‘Other Girls’ but had been informed that this film had now been withdrawn.

Members were informed that of the list provided at appendix A of the submitted report only the following films would now be shown:

- Zootropolis

- Molly Monster
- Zip & Zap and the Marble Gang
- The Idol
- Breaking a Monster
- Landfill Harmonic
- Trenk, the Little Knight
- April and The Extraordinary World
- Heidi

The Members were informed that the films would be shown at Hyde Park Cinema, the Leeds Carriageworks and the Leeds Town Hall. The films would not be shown in the outer areas of the city.

RESOLVED - That the films remaining in the festival be classified in accordance with the suggested classifications set out in appendix A of the submitted report.