

Licensing Sub-Committee

Tuesday, 9th November, 2021

PRESENT: Councillor A Hutchison in the Chair

Councillors J Illingworth and J Lennox

1 Election of the Chair

RESOLVED – That Councillor A Hutchison be elected as Chair, for the duration of the meeting.

2 Appeals Against Refusal of Inspection of Documents

There were no appeals against the refusal of inspection of documents.

3 Exempt Information - Possible Exclusion of the Press and Public

There were no exempt items.

4 Late Items

There were no formal late items. However, some supplementary information in the form of a witness statement was circulated to members prior to the meeting. The information related to Agenda Item 7 – Application to vary a premises licence held by my Ts Leeds Limited 90 Burley Road, Burley, Leeds, LS3 1JP.

5 Declaration of Interests

There were no interests raised at the meeting.

6 Certification of Films – Leeds Palestinian Film Festival 2021

The Chief Officer Elections and Regulatory submitted a report advising Sub-Committee Members of an application for the certification for numerous films in respect of the Leeds Palestinian Festival 2021.

All screenings are scheduled to take place between 20th November 2021 and 3rd December 2021, at HEART, Seven Artspace, Woodhouse Community Centre, Wheeler Hall, the Pyramid Theatre and Otley Courthouse.

The application was for a total of seven films requesting certification. A list detailing the title, synopsis and the applicants suggested rating for the films was set out in paragraph 3.3 of the submitted report. The application sought classification of films as follows:

- Little Palestine (15)
- Not Just Your Picture (15)
- The Present (15)
- My Neighbourhood (15)
- Objector (18)

- Between Heaven and Earth (18)
- Gaza (18)

It was noted that members were only able to view four of the films and were recommended to certify the films they cannot view as category 18 films. Tricia Griffin (for the Applicant) was in attendance and explained there were technical issues with film distributors providing content for three of the films and confirmed there isn't anything different with them.

In responding to questions from Sub-Committee Members, Ms Griffin confirmed the following information:

- There will be 2 people marshalling the entrance and checking tickets. It was confirmed that capacity per screening has been reduced to 60% and staff will inform customers of Covid restrictions such as the use of masks.
- The average age attending screenings varied depending on location – Headingley and Hyde Park attracted university students, whereas Chapel Allerton attracted middle aged people.
- Although it was the opinion of Ms Griffin that all the films were considered a 15-age rating, under the circumstances already outlined, the applicant accepted that 3 of the films were recommended to be certified an 18.
- The Deputy West Yorkshire Mayor will be opening the Festival and the applicant felt that the Local Authority has supported the Festival.

The Sub-Committee wished the applicant luck with the festival and were pleased with being able to hold a Palestinian Film Festival this year.

RESOLVED - The Sub-Committee unanimously resolved to approve the age certification of each film as sought by the applicant.

7 Application to vary a premises licence held by Mr Ts Leeds Limited 90 Burley Road, Burley, Leeds, LS3 1JP

The report of the Chief Officer Elections and Regulatory requested the Licensing Sub-Committee's consideration of an application to vary a premises licence, made by Mr T's Leeds Limited, for Mr T's Leeds Limited 90 Burley Road, Burley, LS3 1JP.

In summary, the application sought a variation to the current activities on the licence as follows:

- Performance of recorded music, Everyday 11:00 – 03:30
- Late night refreshment, Everyday 23:00 – 03:30

It was noted that following an agreement being reached with the Environmental Health, part of the application to vary hours for performance of recorded music was removed. Therefore, the applicant only seeks a variation to the hours for the provision of late night refreshment.

The application attracted representations from responsible authorities, Environmental Health and West Yorkshire Police. Agreements were reached with the applicant and both responsible authorities, and copies of those agreements can be found at Appendix D and E of the submitted report.

The application also attracted one individual letter of objection from a member of the public on the grounds of public nuisance.

Rashid Moghul (363 Architecture) attended on behalf of the applicant and addressed the Sub-Committee. The representative explained that Burley Road is busy and has many food outlets along the road. Mr T's Limited have proactively encouraged additional bin collections and street cleansing to ensure litter from the premises is removed from surrounding areas. Mr T's Limited has had meetings with residents' groups and ward members regarding litter and have been working with them on mechanisms to target problematic areas.

The representative confirmed that the playing of recorded music will generally be cut off by 11 pm, and there is a different clientele throughout the day with patrons typically eating either inside the premises or taking the food back to their property. The representative explained that there isn't usually any noise or issues with litter in the morning, and during the day the applicant will work to address residents' issues. The representative welcomed any additional measures from the Sub-Committee and explained Mr T's Limited is seeking to capture the early morning market.

In response to questions from Sub-Committee Members, the representative confirmed that the application to vary the hours for recorded music has been removed and will be switched off at 1 am and although the supplementary information states that recorded music will be switched off at 23:00, the 1 am closing time provided the applicant with some lenience for special occasions; such events are not that frequent. The representative explained that patrons attending events will be provided with a buffer time, to ensure recorded music is switched off by 1 am, and the variation of hours for late night refreshment intended to capture a different market. Responding to a query regarding the existing application for recorded music and noise concerns, it was confirmed that no complaints have been received regarding the premises in the past.

RESOLVED – To approve the application as amended by the applicant:

- a) Vary the hours relating to late night refreshment, Everyday 11:00 until 3:30 am
- b) Remove part of the application relating to varying the hours for recorded music

(The meeting concluded at 10.56)