

Medway Council

LICENSING AND SAFETY COMMITTEE 1 FEBRUARY 2002

Held at Municipal Buildings, Gillingham

RECORD OF THE MEETING

PRESENT: Councillor Mrs Diane Chambers (chairman);
Councillor Richard Andrews (vice-chairman);
Councillors Davis, Harriott, Mrs Haydock, Luckhurst and
Madhu Ruparel.

4034 RECORD OF THE MEETING

The record of the meeting held on 18 January 2002 was agreed and signed by the chairman as correct.

ITEMS TO BE DEALT WITH UNDER DELEGATED POWERS

4035 APPLICATION FOR VARIATION OF HOURS ON EXISTING PUBLIC ENTERTAINMENT LICENCE, CASINO ROOMS, BLUE BOAR LANE, ROCHESTER

A report was presented by the Licensing Co-ordinator which gave details of the application for the variation of the public entertainment licence for the Casino Rooms, Blue Boar Lane, Rochester. The application sought to extend the existing operating hours on Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays from 2.00am to 3.00am the following day. The applicant also wished to vary the existing licence to include dancing on Sundays from 1.00am to 2.00am the following day, preceding a Bank Holiday Monday and to 1.30am the following day on all other Sundays.

The application for variation to the existing public entertainment licence was presented to the committee in the light of various concerns expressed in the report regarding the increasing problems of late night disturbance and anti-social behaviour in the area of Rochester High Street generally.

The Council had received three objections from the public with regard to the variation of hours application which were appended to the report. A further letter of objection was circulated at the meeting. Comments from the public protection team, director of development and environment and the Police were taken in to account in determining the licence.

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The committee had concerns regarding the late night disturbance in the High Street by patrons leaving the Casino Rooms, and were mindful of their duty to residents of the High Street.

The shortage of taxis available in the area would also add to the disturbance at 3.00am rather than 2.00am in the morning.

It was therefore resolved that:

- (a) the permitted hours of the licence for public entertainment should remain as existing from noon to 2.00am the following day Monday to Saturday inclusive;**
- (b) on Sundays the permitted hours of the licence should be extended to include noon to 2.00am on Sundays immediately preceding a bank holiday Monday.**

The meeting which commenced at 2.30pm, finished at 5.35pm.

Chairman

Date