

Medway Council

LICENSING AND SAFETY COMMITTEE 22 MARCH 2002

Held at the Municipal Buildings, Gillingham

RECORD OF THE MEETING

PRESENT: Councillor Mrs Diane Chambers (chairman);
Councillors Kenneth Bamber (substituting for the vice-chairman [Councillor Richard Andrews]), Janice Bamber (substituting for Councillor Mrs Haydock), Cooper (substituting for Councillor Madhu Ruparel), Davis and Harriott.

IN ATTENDANCE: Councillors Maureen Ruparel and Madhu Ruparel.

4168 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from the vice-chairman (Councillor Richard Andrews) and Councillors Mrs Haydock, Luckhurst and Madhu Ruparel.

4169 URGENT MATTERS BY REASON OF SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES

The principal solicitor, referring to the application for a public entertainment licence in respect of The Blues Café Bar at Gillingham Football Club, Redfern Avenue, Gillingham, informed the committee of a correction to the wording of paragraph 8 of the report in that the planning permission did not state a specific hours condition upon the operation of the social club.

This information was accepted by the chairman as urgent as it related to consideration of the public entertainment licence application at this meeting.

ITEM TO BE DEALT WITH UNDER DELEGATED POWERS

4170 APPLICATION FOR PUBLIC ENTERTAINMENT LICENCE – THE BLUES CAFÉ BAR – GILLINGHAM FOOTBALL CLUB, REDFERN AVENUE, GILLINGHAM

A report was presented by the licensing co-ordinator which gave details of the application for a public entertainment licence in respect of The Blues Café Bar at Gillingham Football Club, Redfern Avenue, Gillingham. The applicant was seeking a licence to enable music, singing and dancing to be held on Mondays until 11.00pm, Tuesday to Thursday inclusive until

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12 midnight and on Fridays and Saturdays until 1.00am the following morning and on Sundays to 10.30pm.

The applicant had complied with the application procedures outlined in the Medway Council (Public Entertainment) Regulations 1998 and, in this connection, satisfactory current electrical, fire extinguisher and gas appliance certificates had been received together with a plan of the premises. The applicant had given notice of the application in the local press on 20 November 2001 and displayed a similar notice at the premises.

The application had been brought before the committee for determination in the light of the substantial level of public objection received and the concerns outlined in the report.

Resolved that a temporary public entertainments licence be granted to The Blues Café Bar at Gillingham Football Club, Redfern Avenue, Gillingham for a six month period to end on 30 September 2002 subject to the following conditions:

- (i) the hours of operation to be as follows:-
11.00am – 11.00pm Monday to Thursday;
11.00am to 12 midnight Friday and Saturday;
12 noon to 10.30pm Sunday;**
- (ii) completion and submission of a satisfactory acoustic survey to be approved in writing by the local authority prior to the commencement of the licence;**
- (iii) phase 1 of the parking survey being undertaken within 28 days at Gillingham Football Club's expense;**
- (iv) phase 2 of the parking survey being undertaken within the first three months of the operation of the public entertainment licence also at Gillingham Football Club's expense;**
- (v) there shall be no admission of guests to The Blues Café Bar after 10.30pm;**
- (vi) the public entertainment licence shall determine in the event of The Blues Café Bar ceasing to operate as a members' club.**

The meeting which commenced at 1.45pm, finished at 6.20pm.

Chairman

Date