

Cherwell District Council

Licensing Sub Committee

Minutes of a meeting of the Licensing Sub Committee held at Bodicote House, Bodicote, Banbury, OX15 4AA, on 10 September 2012 at 10.00 am.

1. **Constitution of the Sub Committee**

The Membership of the Licensing Sub-Committee for this meeting was Councillors Blackwell, Ilott and Rose.

2. **Declarations of Interests and Conflicts**

There were no declarations of interest.

3. **Review of Premises Licence**

**Public Protection & Development
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11 September 2012

Dear Sir/Madam,

NOTICE OF DETERMINATION – LICENSING ACT 2003

Review of Premises Licence: G's, Deans Court, Bicester

I refer to the hearing of the Licensing Sub-Committee yesterday at which the Sub-Committee considered an application in respect of the above named premises for the review of the premises licence under the Licensing Act 2003. The decision contained in this letter is a decision of the Licensing Authority.

After considering all the representations made at the hearing the determination of the Licensing Sub-Committee was as follows;

The Licensing Sub-Committee resolved to revoke the licence of G's Wine Bar.

They took into consideration the representations made by both Thames Valley Police and the Premises Holder and considered all options available to them.

They noted that only a sample of the door staff log was included in the committee pack, but were grateful for the production of the full document and considered this while retiring (to the extent available in the time.)

They noted the criticisms raised with regard to the incident log and the possibility that some incidents may have been attributed incorrectly to G's wine bar. They also noted however, that by the Premise Holder's own admission, G's wine bar is one of the last premises that people visit, acting as a night cap for many clubbers. To this extent therefore the committee considered that either people are presenting themselves intoxicated and being granted entry, or are being served too much once in.

The committee also considered that while measures are taken on police advice, repeated requests are required before action is taken.

The committee also noted that a senior member of the police force was in attendance at the committee and took this as an indication of how serious the police consider this matter to be.

The committee appreciated that not all incidents could be discussed in detail and noted that some were disputed by the Premises Holder. The incident regarding the 16 year girl was discussed in some detail though. Taking this example, the Premises Holder advised that he reported this incident to the police and yet it was still recorded as a negative result. The Committee considered that reporting this incident was nothing more than would be expected of a responsible DPS. They further considered that the negative recording in the incident report was in relation to the response to the ABH, and noted that the UV pen was not used to stop entry in the first place.

The Committee noted that there were recent occurrences where there was not enough door staff present, where the premises holder was not responding to his radio, and where underage people were served.

The Committee did not accept that TVP have treated the premises any different to how they treat all other premises in the area. They had simply responded to a disproportionate volume of incidents that had been linked to the premises.

You have a right of appeal against this decision to the Magistrates' Court within 21 days of the date of this letter. The relevant Magistrates Court for the area is;

Northern Oxfordshire Magistrates Court
The Courthouse, Warwick Road
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Finally, if you have any queries regarding this notice, please contact a member of the Licensing Team on 01295 753744.



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The meeting ended at 12.45 pm