

Merton Council
Licensing Sub-Committee
18 September 2017
Supplementary Agenda 2

6 Additional Comments from SPERA

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From: JEFFREY GUNN
Sent: 15 September 2017 10:08
To: Amy Dumitrescu
Subject: Re: Supplemental Agenda - Licensing Sub-Committee 18 September - Po Na Na/Smash

Hi Amy

Our AGM meeting went very well last night with 20 people present at our meeting we were quorate and voted on this matter. There was unanimous agreement that seating capacity should be looked at carefully by the Licensing Officer. Given the changes proposed in the layout of this establishment and reduction in seating. Although there were concerns about noise and other issues impacting on local residents living close to these premises the acceptance by the applicant of the restrictions already in place for the roof terrace means we do not wish to pursue our objection at this stage. Our members have mandated me to look for a full license review at a later date should these premises become problematical. I will therefore not be attending the licensing committee next Monday.

Jeff Gunn

Honorary Secretary SPERA

On 14/09/2017 11:43, Amy Dumitrescu wrote:

Hi Jeff,

That's really helpful thank you and I will ensure that if you don't attend your comments are passed on to the Committee to consider.

I will wait to hear from you tomorrow.

Kind Regards

Amy

From: JEFFREY GUNN
Sent: 14 September 2017 11:42
To: Amy Dumitrescu
Subject: Re: Supplemental Agenda - Licensing Sub-Committee 18 September - Po Na Na/Smash

Hi Amy

SPERA have our AGM this evening and it is my intention to discuss this matter with members before I make a final decision on attending the licensing committee meeting. At present I am very happy that existing restrictions aimed at reducing noise for local residents remains in place and I note the comments about the rubbish coming from another establishment. My main concern remains the numbers attending these premises given the changes in nature of the facilities to be offered. It would seem that with 5 table tennis tables and less seating there may be a capacity issue that needs looking at by the committee. I am sure there are regulations that determine the numbers based upon seating capacity and the area available for public use. I am not an expert on these rules but the licensing officer should be able to give some guidance. My view is the numbers probably

should be reduced. I accept that because these premises are not seeking any variance to their existing hours this is not the appropriate forum for discussing reduced hours in the early morning but you should be aware that we may seek a license review if these premises become problematical after any license changes are agreed. We agree that these facilities require a strong management team.

I will confirm the SPERA position tomorrow.

Regards

Jeff Gunn

Secretary SPERA