

Licensing & Regulatory Panel

Minutes of the Licensing & Regulatory Panel held remotely, on Thursday 4 March 2021, at 2.00pm.

Present: Councillors Cullinan, Murphy and Syson.

Also Present: Mr Edwards (Committee Services Officer), Mrs Tuckwell (Civic & Committee Services Manager – observing only), Mrs Amphlett (Council’s Solicitor), and Mrs Russell (Licensing Enforcement Officer).

1. **Apologies and Substitutes**

Councillor Murphy substituted for Councillor Norris.

2. **Appointment of Chairman**

Resolved that Councillor Murphy be appointed as Chairman for the hearing.

3. **Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest made.

4. **Street Trading application to trade outside of the restrictions set out within Warwick District Council’s Policy**

The Panel considered a report from Health and Community Protection which asked Members to consider an application for a Street Trading Consent for the sale of pizza from a static food unit by Mr Jack Gammon trading as ‘Warwick Woodfired’. The applicant wished to trade until 19:30.

The Chairman asked the Members of the Panel and officers present to introduce themselves. The applicant introduced himself as Mr Jack Gammon.

The Chairman asked the Licensing Enforcement officer to introduce the report.

Anyone who exposed goods for sale within the District needed a Street Trading Consent issued by the Council. Upon receiving the application, officers referred to the current Street Trading Policy. A copy of which was attached as Appendix 3 to the report.

The current Policy permitted trading between the hours of 06:00 and 18:00.

Mr Gammon applied for a static Street Trading Consent in order that he may sell pizza from a unit based on Priory Road, Warwick. The Consent, if granted, would permit him to trade from 16:00 to 19:30 on Friday and

Saturday.

A copy of Mr Gammon's application form and photographs of the unit were attached as appendices 1 and 2 to the report.

In his statement, Mr Gammon advised that:

- he had planned to start trading in 2020, doing corporate events/parties and weddings, which he had a background in, but the Covid-19 pandemic had meant that this was not possible;
- he was attempting to keep his small, young business on the radar and had successfully applied for a street trading licence on the same site, but he wished to extend the hours slightly in order to make the most of the time he had on the site; and
- the plan was to work at the site on a Saturday evening for the foreseeable future, until the situation with the Covid-19 pandemic had improved enough for him to then return to working at bigger events, including parties, and weddings.

In answer to questions from Members, Mr Gammon advised that:

- the site was located at the car park based at Priory Road and Cross Street, Warwick;
- there was roughly a 30-35 minute set up and set down time before and after trading times; and
- he already held a static licence for the same pitch, and was in the sixth week of trading from the site.

In answer to questions from Members, the Licensing Enforcement officer clarified that as standard for a static unit, the Council consulted with Environmental Health, Warwickshire Police and Warwickshire County Council Highways, and there had been no objections to the application. She also explained that the Street Trading Policy did not require consultation with residents, but if residents did have concerns, they could report these to the Council to investigate. Mr Gammon then stated that the residents nearby had been wonderful and there had been a positive response to his business.

At 10.15am, the Chair reminded those present of the procedure: the remote meeting would be ended by the Committee Services Officer; a separate meeting would be arranged with the Members of the Panel, the Legal Advisor, and the Committee Services Officer; the decision would be communicated in writing via email to the applicant later on the same day, followed by a written notice with a full decision within seven days.

Resolved that the application be granted.

The Panel listened carefully to the report and comments made by the Licensing Officer and your submissions and decided that your consent should be granted as applied for.

For the avoidance of doubt, your consent will enable to you sell pizza from your mobile unit between 4 pm and 7:30 pm on Fridays and Saturdays.

(The meeting ended at 10.15am)

CHAIRMAN
13 April 2021