

Licensing Committee

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MEETING OF LICENSING COMMITTEE

Members present: Alderman Spence (Chairperson);
The Deputy Lord Mayor (Councillor Copeland);
Alderman L. Patterson; and
Councillors Bell, Bunting, Campbell, Carson,
Clarke, Collins, Craig, Dudgeon, Groves, Heading,
Hussey, Hutchinson, McConville and McReynolds.

In attendance: Mr. S. Hewitt, Building Control Manager;
Ms. N. Largey, Divisional Solicitor;
Mr. H. Downey, Democratic Services Officer.

Apologies

Apologies for inability to attend were reported on behalf of Councillors Boyle, Howard and Milne.

Minutes

The minutes of the meeting of 20th September were taken as read and signed as correct. It was reported that those minutes had been adopted by the Council at its meeting on 2nd October, subject to the omission of those matters in respect of which the Council had delegated its powers to the Committee.

Declarations of Interest

Councillor Hutchinson declared an interest in respect of agenda item 2(f), Application for the Grant of a Seven-day Annual Indoor Entertainments Licence – Belfast Telegraph Printworks, 124-144 Royal Avenue, in that he had, at a special meeting of the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee on 28th September, opposed an application for the grant of an Entertainments Licence for a one-off event taking place within the venue on 30th September, on the basis that it should have been dealt with under the delegated authority of the Licensing Committee, and left the room whilst it was under consideration.

THE COMMITTEE DEALT WITH THE FOLLOWING ITEMS IN PURSUANCE OF THE POWERS DELEGATED TO IT UNDER STANDING ORDER 37(d)

Licences and Permits issued under Delegated Authority

The Committee noted a list of licences and permits which had been issued under the Council's Scheme of Delegation.

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**Applications for the Renewal of Indoor Entertainments Licences
with Previous Convictions - Flame Restaurant/Red Devil Bar**

The Committee was reminded that, under the terms of the Local Government Miscellaneous Provisions (Northern Ireland) Order 1985, it was required, when considering any application for the grant, renewal or transfer of an Entertainments Licence, to take into account any convictions of the applicant relating to an offence under the Order which had occurred within a five-year period immediately preceding the date on which the application had been made.

On that basis, the Building Control Manager drew the Members' attention to applications which had been received for the renewal of Seven-day Annual Indoor Entertainments Licences in respect of Flame Restaurant and the Red Devil Bar.

He reported that the licensee of Flame Restaurant had, on 3rd February, 2015, been fined £150 and instructed to pay costs of £69, following an inspection by Council officers, which had found that entertainment was being provided without an Entertainments Licence. In terms of the Red Devil Bar, the licensee had, on 11th February, 2014, been convicted of having a locked roller shutter on a final exit and of failing to have the log book for recording pre-event checks available for inspection and been fined £500 and ordered to pay £69 in costs.

He pointed out that the Committee had, in subsequent years, agreed to renew the Entertainments Licences and that, on the two occasions over the past year on which each premises had been inspected, officers had found that all management procedures were being implemented effectively.

He confirmed that no written representations had been received in relation to the applications and that the Northern Ireland Fire and Rescue Service and the Police Service of Northern Ireland had offered no objections.

The Committee agreed, in its capacity as Licensing Authority, to renew the Seven-Day Annual Indoor Entertainments Licences in respect of Flame Restaurant, 46 Howard Street and the Red Devil Bar, 194-198 Falls Road.

**Application for the Grant of an Outdoor Entertainments Licence -
Jubilee Gardens**

The Committee was advised that an application had been received from the Council's City and Neighbourhood Services Department for the grant of a Seven-Day Annual Outdoor Entertainments Licence for the Jubilee Gardens, based upon the Council's standard conditions to provide outdoor musical entertainment.

The Building Control Manager reported that the Gardens, which bordered High Street and Victoria Street, were maintained by the Parks Service and that, in line with its other parks and open spaces, it wished to make them available for small events. The Service had recently received a request from Mr. B. Wolsey, the owner and licensee of the adjacent Bullitt Hotel, for the use of the Gardens, with a view to holding, over the course of the next year, a series of low-key prestigious events. He explained that such

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requests required prior approval by the People and Communities Committee and highlighted the fact that it had, at its meeting on 10th October, granted authority to Mr. Wolsey to hold two Hallowe'en related events in the Jubilee Gardens on Friday, 27th and Saturday, 28th October, on condition that, amongst other things, he acquire an Entertainments Licence and adhere to its terms and conditions. Whilst Mr. Wolsey had been the only person to have, at this stage, expressed an interest in running events within the venue, it would be made available to other prospective users.

He pointed out the licence, if granted, would permit entertainment to take place from Monday to Sunday between the hours of 11.30 a.m. and 11.00 p.m. and would include special conditions around occupancy levels, early consultation with residents and businesses, extended hours and addressing complaints. No written representation had been received in respect of the application and neither the Northern Ireland Fire and Rescue Service nor the Police Service of Northern Ireland had offered any objection. However, they would each be consulted in advance of any proposed events. He confirmed that officers of the Building Control Service and the Parks Service had discussed the long-term use of the space and that, should the Entertainments Licence be granted, they would engage with event organisers to ensure that the required documentation was submitted and that all safety and technical requirements were met in advance of events taking place. Finally, the Council's Environmental Protection Unit had been made aware of Mr. Wolsey's proposed events and had indicated that, in light of their potential scale and nature, it was not anticipated that they would generate significant noise disturbance.

The Committee agreed, in its capacity as Licensing Authority, to grant a Seven-Day Annual Outdoor Entertainments Licence in respect of the Jubilee Gardens.

**Application for the Variation of an Indoor Entertainments Licence -
The Cuckoo, 149 Lisburn Road**

The Building Control Manager informed the Committee that an application had been received from Silverpine Inns Limited for the variation of a Seven-day Annual Indoor Entertainments Licence in respect of the above-mentioned premises, based upon the Council's standard conditions to provide music, singing, dancing or any other entertainment of a like kind.

He reported that entertainment, in the form of a DJ or live band, was provided currently from Monday to Saturday till 1.00 a.m. and on a Sunday till midnight. The company was now seeking to extend the hours of operation on a Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday night till 2.00 a.m. the following morning, to enable it to compete with other venues which operated until that time and beyond.

He confirmed that no written representation had been received in relation to the application and that the Northern Ireland Fire and Rescue Service and the Police Service of Northern Ireland had not objected. In such circumstances, it was normal practice for the Entertainments Licence to be issued under the Council's Scheme of Delegation. However, given that the application related to the extension of the hours of entertainment beyond 1.00 a.m., it was being presented to the Committee for consideration.

The Building Control Manager reported further that, since the Entertainments Licence had been renewed, officers of the Building Control Service had visited the

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premises on a number of occasions, whilst entertainment had been taking place and as part of the application process. Those had indicated that all of the operational and management procedures were being implemented. However, the Council's Environmental Protection Unit had, in the past year, received four complaints, three of which related to noise from patrons and the other to loud music emanating from the premises. Whilst no formal action had been taken on those occasions, the Unit had requested that, should the Committee be minded to approve the application, it would welcome appropriate measures being put in place to manage patron dispersal and keep noise levels to a minimum. With that in mind, he pointed out that the company was aware of the fact that its premises were located close to residential properties and had identified a number of measures which it would be prepared to implement, should its application be approved.

At this point, several Members expressed concern that the company had failed to consult with local residents on its proposal to extend its hours of operation on some nights and stated that it would be beneficial to obtain further information on that issue and the measures which it was proposing to put in place for the management of the premises generally.

The Committee was informed that Mr. M. Boyle and Mr. J. Crawford, Directors of Silverpine Inns Limited, were in attendance and they were welcomed by the Chairperson.

Mr. Crawford informed the Members that, upon acquiring The Cuckoo in April, the company had undertaken a number of actions to address noise breakout, such as installing additional sound proofing around, for example, windows and the stage area. In addition, it had, as part of its business planning process, conducted market research amongst patrons, which had highlighted, amongst other things, a desire for the premises to operate beyond 1.00 a.m. and that had given rise to this application.

In response to the issue which had been raised by Members around the absence of consultation with residents, he confirmed that the company had, until recently, been unaware of the existence in the area of a local residents' association. He confirmed that, should the application be approved, the company would undertake to meet on a monthly basis with the association and with Council officers to discuss any issues which might be raised around the operation of the premises and would circulate a dedicated telephone number on which management could be contacted, should the need arise. It would undertake also to deploy two security/resident liaison personnel from the current security company on a length of the street outside the venue after closing time to minimise noise nuisance and anti-social behaviour, subject to the necessary approvals being obtained.

Mr. Boyle and Mr. Crawford were thanked by the Chairperson and they retired from the table.

After discussion, the Committee agreed to vary the Seven-Day Annual Indoor Entertainments Licence for The Cuckoo, 149 Lisburn Road, to enable entertainment to take place on a Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday night till 2.00 a.m. the following morning and delegated authority to Council officers to draft appropriate conditions to be attached to the licence, in line with the undertakings which had been provided at the meeting by the company's representative.

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The Committee agreed also that a report be submitted to a future meeting providing information on those premises which were licensed to provide entertainment beyond 1.00 a.m. and the Council's powers to manage their impact upon local communities.

**Application for the Variation of an Outdoor Entertainments Licence -
Thompson's Garage, 3 Patterson's Place**

The Building Control Manager submitted for the Committee's consideration the following report:

"1.0 Purpose of Report/Summary of Main Issues

- 1.1 To consider an application for the variation of the Seven-Day Annual Outdoor Entertainments Licence for Thompson's Garage, based on the Council's standard conditions to provide outdoor musical entertainment.**

Premises and Location	Ref. No.	Applicant
Thompson's Garage 3 Patterson's Place Belfast	WK/201601621	Mr. Stephen Boyd Endless Music Limited 41 Downshire Road Belfast

- 1.2 A copy of the application form and a location map have been circulated to the Committee.**
- 1.3 The nature of the variation is to increase the occupancy of the outdoor area from 104 persons to 185 persons.**

2.0 Recommendations

- 2.1 Taking into account the information presented and any representations received you are required to consider the application in light of the legal proceedings against the applicant and determine if you wish to refuse the application on the grounds that the applicant has been convicted of offences under the Order.**
- 2.2 Should Members be satisfied that the application need not be refused you are then required to:**
- 1. approve the application for the variation of the Seven-Day Annual Outdoor Entertainments Licence, or**
 - 2. approve the application for the variation of the Seven-Day Annual Outdoor Entertainments Licence with special conditions to be attached.**

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2.3 If the application is refused, or special conditions are attached to the licence to which the applicant does not consent, then the applicant may appeal the Council's decision within 21 days of notification of that decision to the Recorders Court.

2.4 Should the Committee decide to refuse the variation application, and the applicant decides to appeal, the licence will continue with its present conditions until the appeal is determined.

3.0 Main Report

Key Issues

3.1 Members will recall that, at your meeting on 17th May, the Committee agreed to grant the applicant a Seven-Day Annual Outdoor Entertainments Licence for the premises. This was subsequent to the Committee agreeing to grant the renewal of the indoor Entertainments Licence at your meeting of 19 April 2017.

Details of the Premises and Proposals

3.2 The areas currently licensed to provide entertainment are:

- the Ground Floor Bar, with a maximum capacity of 240 persons;
- the Mezzanine Floor, with a maximum capacity of 190 persons; and
- the Outdoor Area, with a maximum capacity of 104 persons.

3.3 The days and hours during which the premises are currently licensed to provide indoor entertainment are:

- Monday to Sunday: 11.30 a.m. to 3.00 a.m. the following morning.

3.4 The premise operates as a public bar and nightclub, with entertainment being provided on both floors in the form of DJs.

3.5 The days and hours during which the premises are currently licensed to provide outdoor entertainment are:

- Monday to Saturday 11.30 a.m. to 11.00 p.m., and
- Sunday 12.30 p.m. to 11.00 p.m.

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- 3.6** Entertainment is provided to the outdoor area in the form of solo performers, live bands or a DJ through the in-house speaker system.
- 3.7** Extensive works have been carried out to the outdoor area which includes the addition of a 1st floor balcony and toilet facilities. This allows patrons to smoke in the private area provided. Previously patrons used a smoking area on Patterson's Place which caused some management and anti-social behaviour problems.
- 3.8** The applicant has applied to vary the existing Outdoor Entertainments Licence to increase the occupancy of the outdoor area from 104 persons to 185 persons.
- 3.9** The areas proposed to provide entertainment are:
- the outdoor area, with a maximum capacity of 150 persons; and
 - the outdoor balcony, with a maximum capacity of 35 persons.
- 3.10** Members are advised that the maximum indoor occupancy for the premise of 430 persons will be managed in conjunction with the agreed maximum occupancy of the outdoor area to ensure numbers do not exceed capacity.
- 3.11** The outdoor area is covered by the existing Liquor Licence. A layout plan of the proposed outdoor area has been forwarded to Members.

Previous Convictions

- 3.12** The application is being placed before the Committee because both Mr. Stephen Boyd and Endless Music Limited were convicted, on two separate occasions, of offences under the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) (Northern Ireland) Order 1985 at Belfast Magistrates' Court, i.e. 13th May, 2014 and 24th May, 2016.

First Conviction

- 3.13** The first conviction on 13th May, 2014 arose following breaches of the terms and conditions of the Entertainments Licence in that they failed to manage the permitted occupancy and migration between licensed areas. They also failed to ensure that the permitted numbers for the Smoking Area was limited to 50 persons as the area was found to be overcrowded.

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- 3.14 As a result, Mr. Stephen Boyd and Endless Music Limited were fined a total of £800 and ordered to pay court costs of £69.**

Second Conviction

- 3.15 The second conviction on 24th May, 2016 arose following breaches of the terms and conditions of the Entertainments Licence, in that the 2nd Floor of the premises was found to be overcrowded and in excess of the permitted occupancy.**
- 3.16 As a result, Endless Music Limited was fined £750 and ordered to pay court costs of £66.**
- 3.17 Following these offences, officers met with Mr. Boyd and his representatives to review all their procedures to ensure that appropriate measures were in place to prevent a recurrence.**
- 3.18 Members may recall that details of the first conviction was brought to your attention previously and both convictions were considered at your meetings in April and May this year in relation to the application for the renewal of the Indoor Entertainments Licence and the grant of the Outdoor Entertainments Licence and, after consideration, you agreed to grant both licences.**
- 3.19 The applicant and/or his representatives will be available to discuss any matters relating to the application at your meeting.**

Representations

- 3.20 Notice of the application has been advertised and no written representation has been lodged.**

PSNI

- 3.21 The PSNI has been consulted and has confirmed that it has no objections to the application. A copy of its correspondence has been forwarded to the Committee.**

NIFRS

- 3.22 The Northern Ireland Fire and Rescue Service has been consulted in relation to the application and has confirmed that it has no objections to the application.**

Health, Safety and Welfare Inspections

- 3.23 In support of this application, the applicant has employed the services of fire engineering consultants and provided plans**

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confirming how the migration of patrons will be managed between the relevant areas.

- 3.24** Members are advised that officers have carried out a total of four During Performance Inspections over the past twelve months. On each occasion, all technical matters were satisfactory and appropriate measures and management procedures were being implemented effectively.
- 3.25** The premise has also been subject to inspections as part of the licensing application renewal process. As a result, all technical requirements and associated operational and management procedures have been checked and are satisfactory.
- 3.26** The premises will continue to be inspected as part of our During Performance Inspection regime and will be subject to further monitoring to ensure the applicant adheres to their licence conditions.

Noise Issues

- 3.27** The Council's Environmental Protection Unit (EPU) was consulted as part of the grant application for the Outdoor Entertainments Licence and a special condition was included on the Entertainments Licence requiring the applicant to maintain a noise monitoring logbook to ensure compliance with the agreed music noise level of 79dB_{L_{Aeq5minutes}} and to keep a regular check on volume levels at noise sensitive facades when outdoor entertainment is being provided.
- 3.28** The Environmental Protection Unit (EPU) has been further consulted in relation to this variation application and confirmed that it has received no noise complaints since the Outdoor Entertainments Licence was granted in May of this year.

Financial and Resource Implications

- 3.29** Officers carry out during performance inspections on premises providing entertainment but this is catered for within existing budgets.

Equality and Good Relations Implications

- 3.30** There are no equality or good relations issues associated with this report."

The Committee agreed to vary the Seven-Day Annual Outdoor Entertainments Licence for Thompson's Garage, 3 Patterson's Place, thereby increasing the occupancy level of the outdoor area to 185 persons.

**Application for the Grant of an Indoor Entertainments Licence -
Belfast Telegraph Printworks, 124-144 Royal Avenue**

The Committee considered the undernoted report:

“1.0 Purpose of Report/Summary of Main Issues

- 1.1 To consider an application for the grant of a Seven-Day Annual Indoor Entertainments Licence for the Ground Floor of the former Belfast Telegraph Printworks, based on the Council’s standard conditions to provide indoor music, singing, dancing or any other entertainment of a like kind.**

Premises and Location	Ref. No.	Applicant
Belfast Telegraph Printworks 124-144 Royal Avenue Belfast	WK/201701227	Mr. Alan Simms Limelight Belfast Limited 17 Ormeau Avenue Belfast.

- 1.2 Members are reminded that the normal process for dealing with Entertainments Licence applications which are not the subject of objections is that the Director of Planning and Place will grant the licence as provided for in the Council’s Scheme of Delegation.**

- 1.3 However, further to consideration of the application at a special SP&R Committee on Thursday 28 September, the Director of Planning and Place and the City Solicitor have requested that the application be considered by the Licensing Committee.**

- 1.4 A copy of the application form and a location map have been circulated to the Committee.**

2.0 Recommendations

- 2.1 Taking into account the information presented and any representations received in respect of the application you are required to make a decision to either:**

- 1. approve the application for the grant of the Seven-Day Annual Indoor Entertainments Licence, or**
- 2. approve the application for the grant of the Seven-Day Annual Indoor Entertainments Licence with special conditions, or**
- 3. refuse the application for the grant of the Seven-Day Annual Indoor Entertainments Licence.**

- 2.2 If the application is refused, or special conditions are attached to the licence to which the applicant does not consent, then the**

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applicant may appeal the Council's decision within 21 days of notification of that decision to the County Court.

2.3 Members are reminded that the applicant is required to obtain all statutory consents before any further events take place.

3.0 Main Report

Key Issues

Consideration by Strategic Policy and Resources Committee

3.1 The Committee will be aware that, on 28th September, the City Solicitor tabled an item at the special Strategic Policy and Resources Committee regarding the interim use of the Belfast Telegraph Printworks by Limelight Belfast Limited.

3.2 The Limited Liability Partnership between Belfast City Council and McAleer and Rushe (Bel Tel LLP) acquired the Belfast Telegraph site in October, 2016.

3.3 Following the selection process, the partnership agreed a nine-month licence with Limelight Belfast Limited to occupy and manage a large section of the ground floor of the site in the non-listed part of the building.

3.4 A situation then arose whereby Limelight Belfast Limited had marketed and sold an estimated 2,000 tickets for an event on 30th September, in advance of having its Entertainments Licence in place (albeit that it had applied in August and the consultation period had ended in advance of the event itself), and prior to having received planning permission for a change of use to part of the building and physical alterations to the non-listed portion of the building (an application has now been lodged).

3.5 The occupiers had engaged with the Building Control Service and had submitted an Entertainments Licence application in August and undertaken significant capital works to make the building safe for the proposed use. Where there are no objections, and safety conditions have been met, as in this case, the Director of Planning and Place can approve the Entertainments Licence without placing it in front of the Committee. However, it was considered that in the circumstances that the decision should have political input.

3.6 Having been informed that all the necessary building works and safety measures had been undertaken satisfactorily, including the provision of an Events Management Plan, and in the knowledge the licensing application had been reviewed and approved by the Fire and Rescue Service and PSNI, the

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Strategic Policy and Resources Committee agreed to grant an Entertainments Licence for a one-off event on 30th September.

- 3.7 A copy of the minutes from that meeting has been circulated to the Committee.**
- 3.8 Following the Committee meeting, Council officers, along with members of Bel Tel LLP, as the landlord, met with the occupiers of the building to confirm that an Entertainments Licence would relate only to the event taking place on 30th September and that the client would need to do whatever was required to obtain the statutory consents in a timely way before any further events would take place.**

Consideration by the Licensing Committee

- 3.9 Members are therefore asked to consider the application by Mr. Alan Simms of Limelight Belfast Limited for the grant of a Seven-Day Annual Indoor Entertainments Licence for the ground floor of the former Belfast Telegraph Printworks.**
- 3.10 Members are reminded that the applicant is required to obtain all statutory consents before any further events take place.**
- 3.11 Mr. Simms is the licensee for Katy Dalys, the Limelight and Limelight 2, 17-21 Ormeau Avenue and is also the event promoter for Belsonic.**
- 3.12 The areas where entertainment is proposed to be provided are as follows:**
- the Main Hall, with a maximum capacity of 1870 persons;**
 - Room 2, with a maximum capacity of 460 persons; and**
 - Bar Area and Lobby, with a maximum capacity of 300 persons.**
- 3.13 The applicant has applied to provide entertainment on the following days and hours:**
- Monday to Sunday: 7.00 p.m. to 1.00 am the following morning.**
- 3.14 The applicant proposes to provide entertainment in the form of DJ's and live bands. During these occasions, it will operate a public bar facility via an Occasional Liquor Licence.**
- 3.15 A layout plan of the venue has been circulated to Members.**

Representations

- 3.16 Notice of the application has been advertised and no written representations have been received.

Terms of Licence between Bel Tel LLP and Limelight Belfast Limited

- 3.17 The applicant has carried out alterations and remedial works to the venue which have been completed to the satisfaction of the Service. However, at present planning permission has not yet been granted for change of use for the building and, as this is also a prerequisite of the Licence Agreement, the Director of Planning and Place and the City Solicitor have requested that the application be placed before the Committee for consideration.

PSNI

- 3.18 The PSNI has been consulted and has confirmed that they have no objection to the application. Officers were also included in the discussions and planning for the event held on 30 September. A copy of its correspondence has been circulated to the Committee.

Health, Safety and Welfare Inspections

- 3.19 The premise has been subject to inspections as part of the Entertainments Licence application process and the building works carried out under the Building Regulations application.
- 3.20 Additionally, officers of the Service were present throughout the event held on 30th September and were satisfied that all safety measures and management procedures were in place to protect the public, performers and staff.

NIFRS

- 3.21 The Northern Ireland Fire and Rescue Service have been consulted in relation to the application and have confirmed that they have no objections. They were also included in the discussions and planning for the event which was held on 30 September and will be kept informed of any potential future events at the venue.

Noise Issues

- 3.22 An acoustic report outlining the measures to be taken when entertainment is being provided has been assessed by EPU. The report outlines the measures to be put in place to

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minimise disturbance to neighbouring premises, either due to noise breakout or from patron activity.

- 3.23 Officers from the Night Time Noise Team carried out monitoring of the venue and surrounding area during the event and found that noise levels were satisfactory. No complaints have been received in relation to the event held on 30 September.**

Applicant

- 3.24 The applicant and/or their representatives will be available at your meeting to answer any queries you may have in relation to the application.**

3.25 Financial and Resource Implications

Officers carry out during performance inspections on premises providing entertainment but this is catered for within existing budgets.

3.26 Equality and Good Relations Implications

There are no equality or good relations issues associated with this report.”

The Building Control Manager reviewed the application and pointed out that the applicant company had been informed by officers that, should the Entertainments Licence be granted, it would not be permitted to hold further events within the building until all of the statutory consents were in place. He added that a deputation, acting on behalf of the applicant company, was in attendance should the Committee require additional information.

The Committee agreed that it would be beneficial to hear from the deputation and Ms. O. Farquharson, Mr. J. Morgan and Mr. L. Murray and were welcomed to the meeting.

Mr. Murray informed the Members he was Limelight Belfast Limited's legal representative. He highlighted the fact that the company had gained a reputation for delivering successful events in the City, which had contributed to it being selected in April to manage the ground floor of the former Belfast Telegraph building, and that it would be promoting cultural events with the European Capital of Culture 2023 bid in mind.

He reported that, since being selected, Limelight Belfast Limited had worked closely with Bel Tel LLP and that all Building Control requirements had been met in advance of the successful event which had taken place on 30th September. In terms of planning requirements, he explained that advice which had been obtained initially from a planning consultant had indicated that, based upon similar major developments, planning approval might not be required for the temporary use of the building. However, once it had been established that it was required, an application had been submitted and was being processed. Mr. Murray concluded by stating that Limelight Belfast Limited would

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continue to engage with Bel Tel LLP to ensure the success of the project and by urging the Committee to grant the Entertainments Licence.

In response to a question which had been raised by a Member around the company's failure to apply for an Entertainments Licence well in advance of the event on 30th September, he explained that it had, since April, been engaged in an ongoing process with Bel Tel LLP around the selection process and associated issues and with the Building Control Service to obtain the necessary approvals.

The Chairperson thanked the deputation and they left the table.

After discussion, the Committee agreed to grant to Limelight Belfast Limited a Seven-Day Annual Indoor Entertainments Licence in respect of the former Belfast Telegraph Printworks, 124-144 Royal Avenue.

Non-Delegated Matters

Provision of Training for the Licensing Committee

The Committee was reminded that, at its meeting on 20th September, it had agreed that it would be beneficial to obtain training around the Licensing Committee Protocol and representation process, the legal principles governing the decision-making process and alcohol licensing matters and its relationship to entertainments licensing, in order to assist it in discharging its duties.

The Building Control Manager drew the Members' attention to three dates which had been identified for the delivery of that training, namely, Tuesday, 21st November, Wednesday, 20th December and Monday, 15th January, and confirmed that further dates would be made available beyond January, if required. The training programme would be developed by the Building Control Service, in conjunction with the Legal Services and Human Resources Sections, and one of the sessions would be delivered by a member of the legal profession who specialised in licensing matters.

After discussion, the Committee approved the holding of training sessions at 5.00 p.m. on Tuesday, 21st November and Monday, 15th January and agreed that all Members of the Council be invited to attend. The Committee agreed also that the training should include an overview of the advertisement process associated with the various types of licensing applications.

Chairperson