

and the supply of alcohol, between the hours of 10.00am and 9.00pm on Saturday 20 June 2015 only and all to take place both in and outdoors.

(b) Presentation of the Applicant's Case

Mr R Gayler, the Chief Executive Officer of Lambourne End Centre, gave an outline of the diverse activities that took place at the Centre. The Lambourne End Centre comprised of a 54 acre site, the Centre worked with young people and young people with disabilities. He advised that the Centre aimed to provide high quality personal development experiences for young people.

The Centre was proud to be asked for the second year running to host a Disability Rocks event. Last year this was a very successful event which provided a fantastic opportunity to extend the Paralympic legacy in the area and to celebrate diversity. Approximately 800 people attended the event last year and enjoyed a wide range of music and arts.

Mr Gayler advised that they would like to be able to offer the sale of alcohol. The bar area would be professionally managed and they would operate the 'Challenge 25' procedure.

(c) Questions for the Applicant from the Sub-Committee

In response to questions from the Sub-Committee, Mr Gayler stated that this year the festival would be condensed into two fields and advised that there would only be one bar on site during the festival. The bar area would have barriers around and stewards would patrol the area constantly. Mr Gayler advised that there were residential properties on each side of the Lambourne End Centre and that they would position the sound speakers towards the road so that it would cause minimal disturbance for the residents. Mr Gayler stated that this year the Lambourne End Centre had been very proactive with informing neighbours in writing to advise them of the plans for the festival.

Mr Gayler stated that this was a family event where people would be encouraged to buy their tickets before the festival and they would be issued with wristbands which they would wear throughout the day of the event. We are hoping the weather will be better this year and that more people will come to the event. Last year we had 800 visitors to the Festival and this year we are hoping more will attend. We will have a maximum of 2,000 tickets for sale and if they sell out people who try to attend on the day will be turned away. There will be strict security staff at the entrance controlling the people who attend the Festival. There will also be strict supervision by stewards advising people where to park, the stewards will be in hi-vis jackets.

(d) Presentation of the Objector's Case

Mr C Price stated that the festival was approved last year as a one-off event and that he was disappointed that after the objections before the festival last year that another festival was being allowed to be held this year..

Mr Price advised that last year he tried to appeal the decision to grant the festival at the Magistrates Court but that the appeal was too late and again he feared that this would be too late to appeal any decisions made today as the application should have been heard earlier.

Mr Price stated that his objections were:

- Nuisance to the Community
- Impact on the roads; and
- The size of the event, being a capacity crowd of up to 2,000 attendees.

(e) Questions for the Objector from the Sub-Committee

Members asked Mr Price if he had seen the correspondence from the Police, they advised that all the concerns raised had been addressed by the applicant and the Police had now confirmed that they had no objections to the festival taking place.

(f) Closing Statement from the Applicant

Mr Gayler stated that the Centre was pleased to be asked to hold another Disability Rocks event and after the objections to the festival last year the Centre had worked closely with the community this year to get across to them that this was not a rock festival it was a music and arts festival for the disabled and their families.

(i) Consideration of the Application by the Sub-Committee

The Sub-Committee retired to consider its verdict and received no formal advice from the Officers present during their deliberations. It was agreed to grant the application with conditions.

The Sub-Committee returned to the Council Chamber and the Chairman informed the participants of the Sub-Committee's decision.

Resolved:

(1) That the application for a Premises License at the Lambourne End Centre in Manor Road, Lambourne End for a 'Disability Rocks' event on 20 June 2015 be granted subject to the conditions contained within the application, and the additional conditions agreed at the meeting in relation to:

Prevention of Public Nuisance

- (a) that all licensable activities end at 20:00 hours; and
- (b) that the event closes at 21:00 hours which is reasonable and proportional due to the disturbance to nearby properties.

CHAIRMAN