

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 10 Sep 2023 15:31:15 +0100
To: Entertainment Licensing
Subject: Swillington Miners Sports & Social Club Licence Application

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We are writing in support of the licencing application from Swillington Miners Sports & Social Club for the Pavillion used by Swillington Saints FC.

Our grandchildren have been members of this wonderful club for 3 years now and it is a credit not just to Swillington, but to Leeds too.

The club is exceptional in how it involves all children in the teams they participate in. There is no clique of 'elite' players with the rest making up the numbers. Swillington ensures that all children, regardless of ability, are involved equally even though this ethos means they may sometimes lose games they could have won. But inclusivity, being part of a team and promoting equal opportunity help build a team spirit that bonds players and encourages sportsmanship, fair play and most importantly, enjoyment. Hopefully, this then leads to a lifetime of healthy participation in whatever sports they choose. The inclusivity principle extends to providing each team member with a free personalised kit, club jacket, hoodie, boot bag and water bottle. At the end of the season, every player gets a trophy and a nice presentation of their soccer stats for the season.

None of this happens by accident, but needs a dedicated team of coaches, club officials and members plus other supporters including family and friends of the club. Because of this attitude and the resulting success on the field, the club attracts players, not just from Swillington but from a wide area of East Leeds.

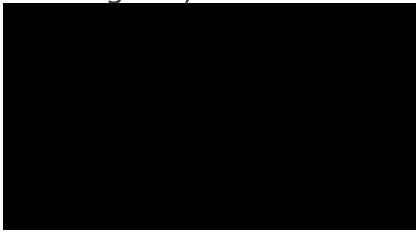
Funds are essential to run the club but you cannot keep going back to the same parents time and time again. All of this takes money and they have worked wonders to make the continual improvements we have seen over the last 3 years. Events such as the very successful galas, raffles and other fundraising have kept them going. But maintaining a revenue stream is hard, particularly in these testing financial times. The club gratefully received a National Lottery/Sport England grant to help refurbish the Pavillion, which is now the envy of many teams who visit. But, to capitalise on it the club needs to open it more often to encourage new members and raise scarce funds to help secure its future and not jeopardise it.

We have attended many events for Swillington Saints and we have never ever experienced excess noise or any anti-social behaviour, drunkenness, abusive language or ill-will aimed at anyone, including local residents. It is a very family-friendly club. The Pavillion itself is about 100 metres away from the nearest houses and most other local houses are considerably further away, so we believe it would take a great deal of noise, more than we have ever heard, for it to carry and disturb the neighbours.

Looking back at the previous application it is implied that the club has some responsibility for the anti-social behaviour, not on, but adjacent to its premises. We think it is disingenuous to try and conflate the two issues here. We would argue that having more responsible adults in the area later into the evenings would actually deter this kind of behaviour around the club. And of course, growing the club and involving more local children in a local community sports organisation will also have a beneficial effect.

In conclusion, we would like to express our full support for the licensing application being made by the club. It is an asset to the community and we should all be doing our best to help it secure its future for the benefit of our children and grandchildren.

Kind regards,



From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 12 Sep 2023 14:54:56 +0100
To: Entertainment Licensing
Subject: Re: Licensing relating to Swillington Miners Welfare Pavillion & Sports Ground, Sports Ground & Premises 9 Wakefield Road Swillington Leeds West Yorkshire LS26 8QB

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Hi,

I support the Swillington pavilion alcohol license and believe it would be an asset to the community

given the hours in which the pavilion operates it cannot sensibly be suggested that there will be any adverse consequences for crime and disorder, public safety or nuisance from the granting of the licence.

The granting of the licence would provide however further revenue to support investment into the football and sports clubs that use the pavilion, allowing those clubs to grow and provide more opportunities for the children and young adults to engage in organised sporting activities in a safe environment, and discourage them from antisocial activities.

Thanks.

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Sent from Sky Yahoo Mail on Android

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 8 Sep 2023 17:02:50 +0100
To: Entertainment Licensing
Subject: Swillington miners pavilion

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To whom it concerns

I just want it to be known that I support the application for the licence for the premises of Swillington Welfare pavilion. I have been a resident for 20 years and am proud to be a part of the village and see the community spirit that football, rugby, bowls and rounders provides having 200 odd members between the clubs. I don't feel that this will cause any issues with noise or disturbances.

Thanks

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Sent from my iPhone

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 8 Sep 2023 17:21:14 +0100
To: Entertainment Licensing
Subject: License at Swillington Saints pavilion

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As a local resident, I have no objections to the local team having a licence at their pavilion. There will not be late events or noise disruption that will effect us as residents due to the nature of the club opening times.

Regards

[REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 11 Sep 2023 20:10:35 +0100
To: Entertainment Licensing
Subject: Swillington Sports and Social club Licence Application.

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Dear Committee

I am aware Leeds City Council Licencing Authority are considering an application by Swillington Sports and Social Club to provide a licence for the sale of alcohol at the Pavilion Clubhouse.

We fully support this application because of the massive social and economic benefits this will provide for the community of Swillington and the surrounding areas.

The Pavilion was recently subject to a £350,000 investment allowing for the refurbishment of the building providing changing rooms, toilets and a cafe for the sports club using the facilities both at matches and during training. These clubs include football, rugby, rounders and bowls for both adults and children.

The Club have now applied for a licence to allow the sale of alcohol between the hours of 11am and 9pm at the Pavilion.

The Pavilion currently provides an independent income stream to the Club to allow for the financial support to the local sports clubs which benefits local children, families and adults. The various clubs utilise these funds for the purchase of equipment, kit for members together with maintaining the vast grounds. The granting of the licence would provide further revenue to support investment into the football and sports clubs that use the pavilion, allowing those clubs to grow and provide more opportunities for the children and adults to engage in organised sporting activities in a safe environment and discourage them from antisocial activities.

In 2023 when access to sport and recreational facilities are increasingly rare for young people we think this project should be fully supported. The social and health benefits to young people of being actively involved in sport are well known.

Considering the provisions to be considered in any licence application

- prevention of crime
- protection of children from harm
- public safety
- prevention of public nuisance

The Club has taken on board the concerns of local people in restricting the requested hours to ending by 9pm - we cannot see how these timings could be suggested to have an influence on any antisocial behaviour, crime, public safety or nuisance. The children and young people having a space that they are committed to and provides a focus to them would hopefully actively reduce any anti-social behaviour in local areas.

The people accessing the facility would predominantly be families with young children in relatively small numbers and would not lead to any significant impact on any of the above criteria.

The economic boost to Swillington as a community would be significant. The area has suffered from a lack of investment and growth meaning a reduction in local facilities for the whole community.

As a whole we wish to highlight to the Licencing Authority the significant local support for the application.

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Local resident and parent of a child in junior football team.

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From [REDACTED]
Sent:8 Sep 2023 20:53:56 +0100
To:Entertainment Licensing
Subject:Swillington welfare pavilion license application

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To whom it concerns

I just want it to be known that I support the application for the licence for the premises of Swillington Welfare pavilion. I have lived in swillington for over 20 years and am proud to be a part of the village. I spend a large part of the week at the sports ground and have made really good friendships. The community spirit is extremey strong and it is lovely to see the impact football, rugby, bowls and all the other sporting activities have on the residents in swillington. We have children from outside the village join the teams due to this safe and welcoming community. We are proud of the village and take great pride in the presentation and activities the club offers to young and older people. I do not feel that a license would cause any issues or noise disturbance and fully support the application

Thanks

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Swillington

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 8, 2023 14:50
To: Dobson, Cllr Mark [REDACTED] Field, Cllr Sarah
[REDACTED]; McCormack, Cllr Suzanne
[REDACTED]
Subject: Swillington Pavilion Licence

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Dear Councillors

I write to express my positive support for the application by Swillington Sport and Social Club for an extension of the licence to cover the Pavillion in the club grounds.

As a resident of Garforth I have only over the last few years had any involvement with Swillington Club however, I have found them to be a hugely supportive local business who have a strong family ethos. It is one of few local businesses that offer a safe and family friendly environment for families with younger children. The events they host are excellent and well organised.

Both my children are members of Swillington Saints Juniors Football Club, which is a hugely supportive club. The fact all children are offered a space at the club and full, equal game time irrespective of ability is unusual and made a massive difference to my children's confidence and in fact football ability and skill.

We visit the Pavillion several times a week, somewhere that again is organised, well run and family friendly. The extension to give them a licence to promote revenue for the club to invest in the sports facilities is clearly in the best interests of all of the 185 kids on the books of the junior football club alone, never mind the rugby clubs, and men's teams.

As someone who is significantly involved in the running of the local galas we are always deeply mindful as a club as to the impact on local residents but these are fairly new events and we are learning each year and will continue to do so. But the events are always lovely family friendly days with no evidence of anti social behaviour that would impact on anyone other than the noise of children participating in sport, something that children in this day and age should be encouraged in rather than restricted.

The club provide a huge amount of free equipment at kit to the children to ensure that each child can attend football with a full kit, hoodie, coat, water bottle and boot bag irrespective of their family's financial situation. Prior to my children being at Swillington

they were both with different Garforth football teams and that same approach to equality to all children was not the case.

The licence is intended to allow parents and people already using the Pavillion to on occasion have a drink or two when their children are at sporting events, it certainly wouldn't be the intention of anyone I know involved in the club to become more than that. It is a revenue stream to go with the hugely successful hot food cafe already operating there. The transformation of the Pavillion due to lottery funding is a huge positive for Swillington as a community.

We are grateful to be supported as a club by the Village Council and have had useful conversations about our future events. We would of course really welcome the support of you all as our local councillors in the future. I trust that whilst you have concerns about the licence the positive comments of the community will be fed back to the panel along with any objections.

Kind Regards

