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AGENDA ITEM 6 SWILLINGTON MINERS WELFARE SCHEME, WAKEFIELD ROAD
SWILLINGTON
Submission from the Premises Licence Holder

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Agenda Item 6

Dear resident/ objector,

I have received notice from LCC entertainment licencing that you have objected to our licence amendment application.

I have read your concerns & would like to allay your fears & worries by detailing what we are actually proposing.

We already hold the correct licence to carry out all of the current activities at the club itself, so nothing will alter in regard to the club and its current activities or timings.

As the pavilion is within the clubs premises a separate licence cannot be obtained for the pavilion itself, it must be added to our existing licence as an amendment. This is why the timings for activities at the pavilion match the timings & activities for the club in our application.

To give you some background information if you are not already aware:

The pavilion used to have a bar and served alcohol before it was burned down in the late 1990's. When the licencing process was amended in the early 2000's we inadvertently forgot to add the pavilion to the new licence application, hence why we now have to re-apply for this.

After 12 months of hard work and grant application form filling, the charity was fortunate enough to receive grants totalling over £350,000 from Sports England and the Football Foundation for the refurbishment of the pavilion & much needed equipment . Within the plans drawn up by Sports England (*not us*) was a small bar area incorporated within the kitchen/ cafe serving area.

The licence amendment application is so we can have (*like most sports clubs*) a bar in the pavilion to serve refreshments, alcoholic drinks & food during matches for spectators, and after matches or training for the teams involved.

We currently provide free facilities for over 1000 members of the club, their children & their grandchildren for all kinds of sports and activities that take place at the sports field.

Regarding the live music in pavilion & sports field area, this is the area of main concern for residents. I personally share your view with how the application is set out and what it implies we are applying for.

I can assure you we have no intention of holding music festivals, raves, or such like until all hours at the pavilion should the licence be approved.

It is envisaged that we could hold an annual event in this area to raise much needed funds for our charity. It was hoped that we could have a live band/ or acts on the "back of a truck" through the day as they do at other clubs, pubs & licenced premises in Oulton, Rothwell & Garforth to name a few, these events would finish no later than 9pm with everyone out of the sports field area by 10pm on these days.

This would not be the only event on the day though as we intend to make these days a fun, family event with games, prizes, and sports related events to bring the village together. We have no intention of having any regular music events so we would say it would be 2/3 at most in a year, if not just the one mentioned.

We have no objections to a reasonable end time limit been a condition in the approval of the licence by LCC entertainment licencing when the music must cease by.

Outdoor speakers at the pavilion would only be used should we hire out the pavilion for small events such as christenings or children's parties, so the children had somewhere to run about outside, play and enjoy themselves. We have a new balcony area where you can now see over the whole sports field area, the speakers would be placed in this area. These would be set to background level only and be turned off when events finished.

We would not be holding parties such as 18th or 21st birthday parties at the pavilion, it would be for small gatherings only. All events at the pavilion would finish by 9pm and everyone out of the sports field area by approximately 10pm.

To summarise:

- We have no intentions of holding anything but sports matches & training on Monday - Friday, certainly no live music (*unless a bank holiday event as previously mentioned above*)
- All live or recorded music will end at the pavilion by 9pm latest
- All people will be out of the sports field area by 10pm
- Amplified music will be at background level only
- Approximately 2/3 events per year and only during the summer months.
- There would be a limit set of how many people could attend any event.
- CCTV recording is in place at the pavilion & it covers all the pavilion & sports field area

To note other points residents' have concerns & the reasons for objecting to our application:

- Underage drinking – We have a strong working age verification policy at the club, this would also be implemented at the pavilion.
- Drug dealing – We have a firm no drugs policy at the club, this would also be implemented at the pavilion.
- Traffic & taxis – The pavilion is already open 7 days a week for matches & training, traffic volume will remain at similar levels we currently experience.
- The structure is a pavilion, intended for the use of sports teams / individuals – A £350,000 grant has been spent upgrading pavilion facilities including changing rooms, showers, toilets, and spectator viewing for the sole purpose of sports teams / individuals. The pavilion will not become “an entertainment venue”.

We ask you reconsider your objection and request your support raising funds for the charity, which in turn could support you, your family, your friends, the whole village.

Please note that we will, at no point have an audience that exceeds 500 people and as such and in terms of **specific regulated entertainments**

Live music: no licence permission is required for:

- a performance of unamplified live music between 08.00 and 23.00 on any day, on any premises.
- a performance of amplified live music between 08.00 and 23.00 on any day on premises authorised to sell alcohol for consumption on those premises, provided that the audience does not exceed 500.

Recorded Music: no licence permission is required for:

- any playing of recorded music between 08.00 and 23.00 on any day on premises authorised to sell alcohol for consumption on those premises, provided that the audience does not exceed 500.

This is the only sports facility in the village & the maintenance/ running costs are astronomical, a little extra revenue can go a long way to keeping this facility open & free to members.

I hope after reading this email, digesting its content, and understanding that we are looking out for the charity's future, our children's future, their children's future that you reconsider your objection & withdraw it.

Should you require any further clarification on any point do not hesitate to contact me.

Best regards.

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