

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

LICENSING SUB COMMITTEE – 28th MARCH 2023

Agenda items:

8 - APPLICATION FOR THE GRANT OF A
PREMISES LICENCE FOR OFF LICENCE, 6 - 8
TOWN STREET, ARMLEY, LEEDS, LS12 3AB

9 - APPLICATION FOR THE GRANT OF A
PREMISES LICENCE FOR FULNECK GOLF CLUB,
FULNECK, PUDSEY, LS28 8NT

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WITNESS STATEMENT

(Criminal Justice Act 1967, s.9; Magistrates' Courts Act 1980, s.5B;
Criminal Procedure Rules, Rule 16.2)

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Statement of:	PCSO 162 KARL CLAY		
Date of birth:	Over 18	Occupation:	PCSO
This statement (consisting of 2 page(s) each signed by me) is true to the best of my knowledge and belief and I make it knowing that, if it is tendered in evidence, I shall be liable to prosecution if I have wilfully stated in it anything which I know to be false or do not believe to be true.			
Signature:	K.Indirks-Clay	Date:	20.3.23
Signature witnessed by:		Date:	
Time and date statement taken:	2200hrs 20.03.23		

Check box if witness evidence is visually recorded *(supply witness defaults on rear)*

I am the above-named Police Community Support Officers, employed by West Yorkshire Police and currently stationed at Pudsey Police station.

I have been a Police community support officer for 16 years and I have worked within the Armley area in total for approximately 11 years.

I am making this statement in relation to the anti-social behaviour and nuisance linked to street drinking in Armley area.

Armley is quite a deprived area with various communities within residential properties where they are also various religions, beliefs and nationalities, Armley is made up of local shops, council owned properties, privately owned properties and tower blocks. The main area of Armley is Town Street where they are various shops from Pound shops, butchers, pubs, takeaways, eastern European stores, barbers, betting shops, doctors, chemists and park areas for people to enjoy the surroundings.

Whilst working I have witnessed the depravity of the area from visiting people in their homes to witnessing incidents in the area. There have been many calls of Anti social Behaviour mainly in the close vicinity to Town Street. Groups of mainly males gather on the main Town Street in full view of shoppers drinking. These groups are from both the white British community and the eastern European community. If left to their own devices and not dealt with robustly the groups often become very intoxicated and either argue and fight amongst themselves or with passing members of the public trying to go about their daily business. I have witnessed males so intoxicated that they have passed out and not only fall asleep in shop doorways but have also urinated themselves without realising. The drunk males often fall over and injure themselves which leads to people phoning ambulances for them out of concern only for them to abuse the ambulance staff once they arrive to assist them.

Many of the drinkers have been seen to be drinking and have been intoxicated as early as 7am and throughout the day into late night. Since the ban of drinking outside the drinkers have come to learn that they only commit an offence if they fail to surrender their alcohol when requested to do so or to stop drinking when requested to do so by an officer. This has led to many of the drinkers only buying 1 can at a time in the hope that if they do get caught by an officer, they only lose a partial can of alcohol. Some of the regular street drinkers only reason for being in the area is to street drink as it is near to numerous shops that sell cheap strong alcohol in single units.

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There has been a large group of street drinkers who loiter around the corner of Theaker lane/Town street as well as out front of William Hill Bookmakers. At the top of Town Street there is Armley Moor, this is a large grassed area with some seating, bins, outdoor gym equipment and a local family whom tether their horses in this field. The seating areas are a pull for the street drinkers, there are several small groups who do this and they are white British or Polish males. The area where the Polish males sit is in the middle of the moor with no bin, this leads to them leaving their empty imported alcohol containers all over the ground.

The issues mentioned above have had a major impact on how Town Street and Armley in general is perceived by people from outside the area and the members of public who live in the area. Members of the public, especially elderly members, have expressed to me that they are scared to go on or won't go on Town Street because of the street drinkers, drug usage and general ASB.

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Statement of: CO827 Brendan Counsell

Date of birth: Over 18

Occupation: Police Community Support Officer

This statement (consisting of 2 page(s) each signed by me) is true to the best of my knowledge and belief and I make it knowing that, if it is tendered in evidence, I shall be liable to prosecution if I have willfully stated in it anything which I know to be false or do not believe to be true.

Signature: B.Counsell

Date: 20th March 2023

Signature witnessed by:

Date:

Time and date statement taken: 23/03/22 at 14:34hrs.

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I am the above named person and currently employed by West Yorkshire Police as a Police Community Support Officer based at Pudsey Police Station.

I have been a PCSO for almost 10 years and worked in the Armley area for around the last 9 years of those. One of my roles and responsibilities is tackling anti-social behaviour issues with in the Armley ward. The issues effecting this area are often complex and forward facing impacting the community, the quality of life they have living in the town and local businesses attempting to operate in the area.

Over the last 9 years I have seen many of the local shops close including launderette, charity shops and second hand buy and sell shops. These have all later re-opened as eastern European food shops or take-aways, In my opinion 2 of the main anti-social behaviour issues in Armley are drugs and alcohol related.

I am making this statement for a recent application from 6 - 8 Town Street, Armley, Leeds. based on my overall knowledge of anti-social behaviour and nuisance directly linked to street drinking in Armley.

There is an ongoing issue regarding street drinking and there has long been a ban on drinking outside in this area. I have regularly attended calls to service from members of the public and coming across these whilst on general patrol in the area. Groups of mainly males gather on the main Town Street in full view of shoppers drinking. These groups are from both the white British community and the eastern European community. If left to their own devices and not dealt with robustly the groups often become very intoxicated and either argue and fight amongst themselves or with passing members of the public trying to go about their daily business. I have witnessed males so intoxicated that they have passed out and not only fall asleep in shop doorways but have also urinated themselves without realising. This is incredibly distressing for other people who are wishing to use Town Street for its intended purpose. Local business groups and store managers regularly complain of drunkenness around the clock. This is putting the residents off shopping in the area

Armley is an easy area to access alcohol due to the fact that they are close to 15-20 shops in a square mile with an alcohol license which sell cheap strong alcohol and don't seem to be bothered about selling alcohol to drunk customers and the usual people who cause the main issues, generally the

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summer is much worse for street drinkers and complaints from members of the public stating that they are people urinating in public in the surrounding area, this then blows up when they put this on social media and the Police & council get abused for not doing anything.

As a Police community support officer for the area I can state that the behaviour of those involved in on the street drinking and related anti-social behaviour is of great concern and there are also community concerns. This type of behaviour clearly has a negative impact on the community and businesses and I would therefore object to the application to extend the premises and opening times.

Signature: B.Counsell

Signature witnessed by:



Parties Notice of Intention

Licensing Act 2003

Premises Licence Number:

Hearing Date:

28/03/23

I am:

The applicant/licence holder

Name: Fulneck golf club LTD

Address: Fulneck Golf Club, Fulneck LS28 8NT

- 1) I will be attending the hearing

If you have selected option (2) or (4) please provide details of who you will be represented by:

NB: Please remember to share any correspondence that you receive from us about this case with your representative.

Note to all parties

If you say that you will not be attending the hearing the committee will make it's decision based upon your written representation.

If you wish to withdraw your representation please tick here

or

If you consider that a hearing can be dispensed with please tick here

Please give details as to why you think a hearing can be dispensed with.
(e.g. because you have reached agreement with the other party on conditions)

WITNESSES

Please set out below the name of any person you wish to appear at the Hearing as a witness (other than your representative) and provide brief details of the evidence they will bring. You will only be allowed to call the witness if the Committee gives permission, and any evidence must be presented within your allocated time.

Name	Evidence to be given

DOCUMENTS

Please list below and attach any documents (other than your application or written objections) that you wish the Committee to consider and indicate whether copies have already been sent to the other parties.

Document	Copy sent
Consent to Environmental Protection wishes to enhance noise reduction	Yes
Consent to West Yorkshire Police wishes to enhance safety measures to the public	Yes
Letter from our President explaining to the objectors of our intentions for the license	Yes

This completed form and any additional documents should be forwarded to entertainment.licensing@leeds.gov.uk at least 5 working days before the date of hearing.

16th March 2023

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED]

I am in receipt of your Objection to the Alcohol Licence and thought I would respond to you regarding this.

I'm told the Licencing application form has certain areas already populated by the licensing department, and the timings were one of those areas. We have proposed the following.

Summer time 1st April to 30th September

For the serving of alcohol

Sunday to Thursday 12 noon – 9pm

Friday and Saturday 12 noon – 11pm (with some special occasions such as New Year's Eve going on later – subject to application to LCC licencing and agreement in advance with the Estate Board). Those in attendance at the club will be encouraged to come inside from 9 to 9.30pm and doors to the patio closed. There will be an allowance for drinking up time and vacating the premises.

The Clubhouse will be open during daylight hours for the purpose of those normally incidental to the golf course and Clubhouse. This is usually from around 7am in the summer and includes access to the Locker room, Toilets/Showers, the 19th room and Kitchen. The serving of alcohol will not be allowed until the times stated above.

Winter time 1st October to 31st March

Sunday, Tuesday, Wednesday 12 noon – 6pm

Monday and Thursday Closed

Friday and Saturday 12 noon – 11pm (with some special occasions such as New year's Eve going on later – subject to application to LCC licencing and agreement in advance with the Estate Board). Those in attendance at the club will be encouraged to come inside from 9 to 9.30pm and doors to the patio closed. There will be an allowance for drinking up time and vacating the premises.

The Clubhouse will be open during daylight hours for the purpose of those normally incidental to the golf course and Clubhouse. This is usually from around 8am in the winter (with footfall severely reduced due to the time of year) and includes access to the Locker room, Toilets/Showers, the 19th

room and Kitchen except for Mondays and Thursdays where access to the Locker Room and Toilets/ Showers will only be allowed. The serving of alcohol will not be allowed until the times stated above.

The Outside music events – Summer only

We would like to hold fully ticketed events (music, Family fun days) where a stage is erected on the land to the front of the Clubhouse for the day and invite local bands to play, this would be a limited number event and discussions with LCC have taken place regarding Licences needed if given the go ahead, we WILL NOT be applying for any licence for an increase in use. This would be on dates agreed in advance and would finish at a reasonable hour as agreed with the Estate Board. Ideally finishing at 9.30pm.

The Bonfire, was a members event for many years but found people were turning up and obviously being open land staying to watch the fireworks, this became even more evident when the Bankhouse closed 3 years ago, So last year we blocked off the land and made the event a fully ticketed event for Members and their families only. This was well received by our Neighbours and praise on our organisation of the bonfire this year was from all the settlement and the farms around us. We discussed the bonfire with the Settlement Committee afterwards and going forward would be looking to include the other businesses from the settlement with areas inside the Clubhouse for No.54 Tea rooms, The Museum, Oh Hello Pottery etc. to sell their produce. The Opening of the Clubhouse for this event usually starts around 5.30pm, Bonfire is Lit around 7pm with a Firework display. This is usually over by 9.30pm. The land is then cleared the next day and reseeded.

The noise complaints and how we address these.

I would like to invite everyone down on a date agreed to firstly apologise and then go through how we have and how we intend to further improve things. I think a lot depends on how we are allowed to operate going forward as we are a little stuck in limbo at the moment. Until we have sight of whether we will be allowed a Premises licence by Leeds City Council will determine what extra measures we will be able to put in place. We agreed with LCC environmental department to a series of measures to address the complaint and the complaint was closed early January. These measures were:

Closing the doors to the Patio area at 9.30pm (we now lock these at that point as they are not a fire door)

Monitoring the levels coming from the Clubhouse with staff/Management going outside the clubhouse at regular intervals and addressing if needed.

Music off/ Very Low from 11pm.

Various notices around the Clubhouse about vacating the premises in a quiet manner.

Fulneck Golf Club, Pudsey, LS28 8NT, VAT Reg: 179834019

– www.fulneckgolfclub.co.uk

Keeping people inside the Clubhouse whilst they wait for picking up.

Although we have met any concerns about noise by the Environment Agency already , If the Licence is accepted by all parties, we would be looking to an Acoustic specialist to steer us further, but on my inspection so far we would be looking to install some sound proofing in the roof void as a minimum. We also note that some of the residents have removed fences adjoining the Golf Club and with the trees/ bushes at the back of the Clubhouse being lopped this hasn't helped the buffering of the noise but we can address that if necessary.

We have had no complaints about noise since before Xmas and am willing to give my personal phone number to those who need to contact me at any time day or night should they need to, I live just outside the settlement and can be on site within minutes to check and deal with things if needed.

I can assure you that our proposal will be adhered to if given the go ahead by Licencing and we will not be "turning into Wetherspoons". We aim to give a service to Members, Visitors and their guests but to allow people using the valley for walking etc. to at least be able to call in for a drink. We have also discussed this proposal with the Settlement committee which includes the School Head and the Church Minister and no concerns were raised with regards the school children and Church goers.

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