

Moor Allerton Sports and Social Centre reg Charity No. 523757 Application for a Premises License, clarification of some aspects

MASSC has 4 affiliated clubs; bridge, table tennis, bowls, and snooker; it lets out rooms to organizations such as the U3A (University of the 3rd Age) and hires out its hall for local community events and activities. Some examples of these are children's birthday parties, christenings, wedding receptions, meetings, Irish and Israeli dancing, indoor bowls.

A typical weekend will see the hall booked for several events during each day, and 2 evening bookings (Friday and Saturday nights). Approximately 25% of the evening bookings also book the bar at the same time. There are 52 weekends, 104 weekend nights, in the year, so approximately 75 of these nights are non-bar bookings, 25 are plus bar. We do not anticipate that this figure will change in the future. A Premises License will enable us to accept this number of plus bar bookings for the hall, and also to increase the usage of the lounge area, especially by the U3A, during the early evening. On 3 nights a week we envisage small groups of 15-20 people playing table games (scrabble, pool, dominoes), darts, quizzes, between 5pm and 9pm

Our current Club Premises License allows us to play live music until 23.00, play recorded music until 23.59, hold dance events until 23.00, and serve alcohol until 23.00, on any night.

Hours. Unintentionally, the hours stated on our Application are misleading. ALL activities will cease at or before 23.00. This was always our intention, and it is our current practice. At the hearing on December 11th, we shall ask for the following time schedule:

Films, live music, recorded music, dance; 9.00 – 23.00, Serving of alcohol; 11.00 – 23.00

Hours of opening; 9.00 – 23.30

This extra 30 minutes is to allow time for people to leave the premises, and for no other reason. The premises will be vacated by 23.30, as at present.

Better control over bookings and supervision of the premises

Partly in response to concerns raised by our neighbours, MASSC earlier this year recruited a paid Centre Manager. Ann O'Grady began working for us in August. Since that time, we have accepted no bookings for parties for teenagers/twenties. Our policy, strictly adhered to, is to refuse bookings for parties for the age range 13 – 29. We are aware of an occasion some time ago, before this policy was adopted, when a party got out of control. We sincerely apologize to our neighbours for this. As you can see, we have taken serious steps to remedy the situation. We do not wish for a repeat, and there will not be one.

Supervision of premises during events; again, we have taken firm action to improve this. In July this year we recruited a new caretaker, and an extract from his contract of employment follows;

"The Employee is required to be at work at least five days per week which may include Saturday and/or Sunday whenever required to do so. In addition he must supervise Parties or Lets when asked to do so by the Centre Manager. For the avoidance of doubt supervision for Saturday evening Parties or Lets must involve the Employee remaining on site throughout the whole period as well as setting up the room beforehand and cleaning afterwards. On all other occasions the Employee is to be contactable by mobile telephone at all times during the period of a Party or Let."