

LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE

24th April 2024
LICENSING ACT 2003
APPLICATION TO VARY A PREMISES LICENCE
The Comrades Club, 58 Cambridge Street, Godmanchester PE29 2AY

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 Huntingdonshire District Council as the Licensing Authority has received an application for a new premises Licence:

from **Mr Alan Suter on behalf of Godmanchester Comrades Club & Institute Ltd**

for the premises **The Comrades Club, 58 Cambridge Street, Godmanchester PE29 2AY**

The Application was received on the 04th March 2024. As required under the Licensing Act 2003, notice of the application was advertised by blue notices displayed at or near the premises from the 05th March 2024. The 28-day consultation period ended on 01st April 2024.

1.2 A copy of the application is attached as **Appendix A** (application) & **Appendix B** (plan).

2. INFORMATION

2.1 The variation application is applying to increase the licensable area to include the outdoor carpark and to allow for the following activities to take place in this new area, which will be in addition to the those activities permitted by the current licence, attached as **Appendix C**:

a. **Supply of alcohol for consumption ON and OFF the premises**

Friday, Saturday, Sunday – 12:00 to 22:00

May to September

Seasonal Variations – Bank Holiday Monday 12:00 to 21:00

b. **Provision of recorded music (outdoors)**

Friday, Saturday, Sunday – 15:00 to 22:00

Summer Months Only

Seasonal Variations – Bank Holiday Monday 15:00 to 21:00

c. **Provision of live music (outdoors)**

Friday, Saturday, Sunday – 14:00 to 18:00

Summer Months Only

Seasonal Variations – Bank Holiday Monday 14:00 to 18:00

2.2 Section 16 of the application form addresses the four licensing objectives. Any proposals made in this section are normally translated directly into enforceable conditions that will be attached to the premises licence. Paragraphs 8.41- 8.49 and Section 10 of the Home Office guidance issued under section 182 refer to the operating schedule and licence conditions

3. REPRESENTATIONS

3.1 As part of the consultation the Responsible Authorities as determined under the Licensing Act 2003) were consulted on the application. Their responses can be seen in summary at **Appendix D**. Please note that the comments from Environmental Health have not formally been agreed with the applicant during the consultation period.

3.2 During the period for representation a total of 17 valid representations were received from 'other persons'. The representations and any subsequent correspondence are attached as **Appendix E – Online and Email** and **Appendix E – Letters via Post**.

3.3 During the period for representation a total of 5 letters of support for the application were received from 'other persons' and are attached as **Appendix F**.

3.4 A person who has submitted a relevant representation is entitled to address the Licensing Sub-Committee at the hearing and ask questions of any other party appearing at the hearing.

3.5 Not all matters raised within the representation may be relevant matters for consideration under the Licensing Act 2003.

4. GENERAL DUTY/POLICY CONSIDERATION

4.1 The licensing authority must carry out its functions under the Act with a view to promoting the licensing objectives, each objective has equal importance, the objectives are:

- a. the prevention of crime and disorder,
- b. public safety,
- c. the prevention of public nuisance, and
- d. the protection of children from harm.

4.2 The sub-committee must also have regard to:

- a. its statement of licensing policy, and
- b. any statutory guidance issued under Section 182 of the Licensing Act 2003.

- c. the Human Rights Act 1988
- d. Live Music Act 2012

4.3 The Council must also fulfil its obligations under Section 17 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 to do all that it reasonably can to prevent crime and disorder in its district.

5. DETERMINATION

5.1 In making a decision, this application must be determined on its individual merits having regard to the representations and supporting documents included as part of the report along with additional information considered relevant at the hearing. As part of the decision process the sub-committee is required to give its reasons for any decision arrived at.

5.2 Where the licensing authority considers that action under its statutory powers is appropriate, it may take any of the following steps:

- Grant the application as applied for
- Refuse the application
- Add additional conditions to the premises licence
- Exclude any licensable activities applied for
- Amend dates and times of licensable activities applied for.

5.3 Any decision made by the sub-committee must be reasonable and proportionate and promote the Licensing objectives.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Licensing Act 2003.

Guidance issued under section 182 of the Licensing Act 2003.

The Council's Statement of Licensing Policy.

Live Music Act 2012