# LICENSING ACT 2003 APPLICATION TO VARY THE CLUB PREMISES CERTIFICATE Montagu Working Men's Club, 14 Hartford Road, Huntingdon, Cambridgeshire, PE29 3QD

## 1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 Huntingdonshire District Council as the Licensing Authority has received an application to vary the club certificate licence, for Montagu Working Men's Club at 14 Hartford Road, Huntingdon, Cambridgeshire, PE29 3QD.
- 1.2 The Application was received on 24 June 2022. As required under the Licensing Act 2003, notice of the application was advertised by blue notices displayed at or near the premises from the 24 June 2022 and in the local newspaper. The 28-day consultation period ended on 23 July 2022.
- 1.3 A copy of the application, along with supporting documentation is attached as Appendix A.

## 2. REPORT

2.1 Montagu Working Men's Club have applied to vary their Club Premises Certificate, a summary of the current permitted times and licensable activates are.

Licensable Activity	Current Licensable Times	Applied for
Indoor Sporting Events	Saturday and Sunday 14:30 to 19:00	No Change
Provision of Live Music (Indoor)	Friday and Saturday 20:00 to 23:20	No Change
Provision of Recorded Music (Indoor)	Friday and Saturday 20:00 to 23:20	No Change
Provision of Performance of Dance (Indoor)	Friday and Saturday 20:00 to 23:20	No Change
Supply of Alcohol (On and Off the Premises):	Mondays to Fridays 11:00 to 14:30 Mondays to Fridays 19:00 to 23:00, Saturdays 11:00 to 23:00 Sundays 12:00 to 22:30	Monday to Thursday 14:00 to 19:00 Friday 14:00 to 19:00 and then 23:00 to 00:00 Saturday 23:00 to 00:00

2.2 The Montague Club are looking to vary the licence to include the Sale of Alcohol between 14:00 to 19:00 as this will prevent the need to close the bar during this time. Also, to increase the time by one hour on Fridays and Saturdays.

2.3 Discussion between the Licensing Officer in the capacity of a responsible authority and the Montague Club have agreed additional conditions to be added to the Club Premises Certificate, Appendix B

#### 3. REPRESENTATIONS

- 3.1 During the period for representation three valid representations have been received from 'other persons'. The representations have been attached in their entirety as Appendix C.
- 3.2 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.
- 3.3 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.
  - d. the Human Rights Act 1988
- 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 Club Premises Certificate
- Exclude any licensable activities applied for
- Amend 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.