

## LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE – 12<sup>th</sup> November 2024

### LICENSING ACT 2003 APPLICATION TO REVIEW PREMISES LICENCE Huntingdon Pool and Snooker Club, St Benedict's Court, Huntingdon, PE29 3PN

#### 1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 Huntingdonshire District Council as the Licensing Authority has received an application to review a premises Licence, from HDC Licensing Officer William Dell'Orefice in his capacity as a Responsible Authority under the Licensing Act 2003 ('the Act'), for Premises Licence HDC/PRE00783; Huntingdon Pool and Snooker Club, St Benedict's Court, Huntingdon, PE29 3PN
- 1.2 The Application was received on 17 September 2024. As required under the Licensing Act 2003, notice of the application was advertised on the Council's website, and blue notices were displayed at or near the premises from 18 September 2024. The 28 days consultation period ended on 15 October 2024.
- 1.3 A copy of the application for review, along with supporting documentation is attached as **Appendix A**.
- 1.4 The current premises licence, is at **Appendix B**.

#### 2. BACKGROUND and TIMELINE

- 2.1. The Premises at St Benedict's Court has for many years been operated as a snooker club. Originally known as 147 Snooker Club, The Premises Licence (HDC/PRE00358) Lapsed due to the death of the Premises Licence Holder in Oct 2014.
- 2.2. A new premises licence was applied for and granted (HDC/PRE00672) in April 2015, in this case the Licence holder was a Limited Company. The premises was closed and ceased to operate in 2017, and the company was dissolved in Jan 2020, and the Premises Licence Lapsed.
- 2.3. In October 2019 a new licence was applied for and granted (the current licence HDC/PRE00783) and Mr Savvas Kounnis became the Premises Licence Holder and the DPS. Sadly, Mr Savvas Kounnis passed away in June 2020.
- 2.4. However, the Licence was then transferred to his son Mr Pavlos Kounnis AKA Paul Kounnis, who remains the current licence holder. Since June 2020 there have been a number of different persons named as the DPS. The current DPS, Mr Steven Ellis has been in place since June 2023.

#### 3. REPRESENTATIONS

3.1 During the period for representations 7 responses have been received from officers in their roles as a Responsible Authority. These representations have been attached as **Appendix C**.

<b>From</b>	<b>Capacity</b>	<b>Response</b>
PC446 Metcalf –	Operational Planning and Licensing / Partnerships and Operational Support, Cambridgeshire Constabulary	Comments in appendix C
PS1560 Martin -	Huntingdon Neighbourhood Policing Team, Cambridgeshire Constabulary	Comments in appendix C
Detective Superintendent Treadwell 270 -	Director of Intelligence, Cambridgeshire Constabulary	Comments in appendix C
Leon Collins –	Fire Safety Officer, Cambridgeshire Fire and Rescue Service	Comments in appendix C
Trudie Spinks –	Environmental Health Officer, Huntingdonshire District Council	Comments in Appendix C
Louise Gratton -	Trading Standards Officer, Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Trading Standards	Responded - No Comments
Melaine Draper	Environmental Health Officer, Huntingdonshire District Council	Responded - No Comments

3.2 In addition, a further 4 representations in support of the application have been received from other persons. **Appendix D**

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

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.

#### **4. GENERAL DUTY/ POLICY CONSIDERATIONS**

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

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:

- a. modify the conditions of the premises licence (which includes adding new conditions or any alteration or omission of an existing condition), for example, by reducing the hours of opening or by requiring door supervisors at particular times;
- b. exclude a licensable activity from the scope of the licence, for example, to exclude the performance of live music or playing of recorded music (where it is not within the incidental live and recorded music exemption);
- c. remove the designated premises supervisor, for example, because it is considered that the problems are the result of poor management;
- d. suspend the licence for a period not exceeding three months;
- e. revoke the licence.
- f. take no action

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.

**Licensing Officer: Sarah Mardon**

**12.11.2024**