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## LICENSING HEARINGS

**Date and Time:** Monday 19 July 2021 at 10.00 am

**Place:** Council Chamber

**Present:**

Councillor Butler, Delaney and Farmer

**In attendance:**

Mr P Gunns, Crookham Street Social Club

**Officers:**

Rebecca Borrett, Committee Services Officer  
Misselbrook, Shared Legal Services  
Andrew Wake, Senior Licensing Officer

### 1 APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN

Councillor Butler was appointed Chairman.

### 2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

### 3 APPLICATION FOR A NEW PREMISES LICENCE

Members considered the application for a new premises licence for Crookham Street Social Club, The Street, Crookham Village, Fleet, GU51 5SJ having consideration of The Licensing Act 2003.

The Senior Licensing Officer summarised the background to the application contained in his report and the role of the Licensing Team and the request being made to the Licensing Sub Committee.

Members referenced complaints made in previous years and the noise levels identified from the equipment provided by the Council. The Senior Licensing Officer confirmed the outcome of any complaint and confirmed that this application and accompanying information has been reviewed by Environmental Health who have made no representations.

Mr Gunns, on behalf of the Crookham Street Social Club explained a new premises licence would enable them to widen their audience and encourage more people to become a member of the club. He advised this would be encouraged by running a two-price system at the bar.

Mr Gunns advised Environmental Health previously identified work needed to the building, and this had been completed.

Furthermore he explained the new application duplicates the current Licence in terms of opening hours and music being played, it is more of a cover to be able to accept new members.

Members received clarification from Mr Wake the existing premises licence did permit the Crookham Street Social Club to operate music within the same licensing hours as the new application being sought.

Members enquired if membership levels increase as desired would there be an application to revert back to a club premises licence? Mr Gunns advised it would be unlikely to revert, they would run alongside.

Representation was made opposing the licence application. Disturbances from music finishing after 11pm were cited as an ongoing issue, and it was felt this did not fit with village setting and was against Council licensing policy.

Members discussed the frequency of music being played; the lack of representation from the Environmental Health Department and other villagers regarding noise issues, and what specific differences it was felt the premises licence would provide against the existing licence.

The Chairman provided all parties with the opportunity to provide any further representation.

The Chairman adjourned and closed the meeting at 10.47

The meeting closed at 10.47 am



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**DECISION NOTICE**  
**OF THE LICENSING SUB COMMITTEE**  
**AT**  
**HART DISTRICT COUNCIL**  
**ON 19 July 2021**

**Ref:21/00230/LAPRE APPLICATION FOR PREMISES LICENCE**  
**FOR THE CROOKHAM STREET SOCIAL CLUB (THE STREET CROOKHAM**  
**VILLAGE FLEET HAMPSHIRE GU51 5SJ)**

The Licensing Sub Committee has carefully considered all the evidence and listened to the representations from the Applicant, Mr Gunns and the Interested Party, Mr Stern. The committee has also had regard to the written representations. The committee has decided having regard to all the circumstances to grant the premises licence application as applied for.

Proposed Licensable Activities	Proposed Timings
The Sale of Alcohol for consumption on the premises only	Mon to Sat 11.00 – 00.00hrs Sunday 12.00 – 00.00hrs  24 & 31 Dec. to terminate at 01.00hrs
Provision of Indoor Sporting Events	Mon to Fri 19.00 – 23.30hrs Sat & Sun 12.00 – 23.30hrs
Provision of Live Music	Friday 19.00 – 00.00hrs Saturday 11.00 – 00.00hrs  24 & 31 Dec. to terminate at 01.00hrs
Provision of Recorded Music	Friday 19.00 – 00.00hrs Saturday 11.00 – 00.00hrs  24 & 31 Dec. to terminate at 01.00hrs

The Subcommittee has implemented the following conditions in promotion of the licensing objectives:

### **General Licensing Objectives**

#### **Staff Training**

- 1) All staff are fully trained to perform their role involving licensable activities. Staff are provided with initial training with a refresher course every 6 months. Staff training includes but is not limited to: the contents of the premises licence to include the times of opening authorised activities and conditions which take place to comply with age verification and strict no drugs policy. Knowledge of the licensing act 2003 regarding sale of alcohol general and under age offences and licensing objectives. The operating procedure for refusing sale of alcohol to any person who is drunk or appears to be underage. Awareness of drugs and intoxication proxy sales, noise monitoring and how to deal with intoxicated customers
- 2) Staff training records should be kept on the premises for a minimum of 12 months

#### **The prevention of crime and disorder**

- 3) A total of 11 CCTV's will be in operation at the premises 5 will cover the exterior front and side and rear and 7 will cover the interior, exit hall and bar. The CCTV system will be controlled and managed by the Premises Supervisor and serviced every 6 months
- 4) An incident and refusal book will be kept and maintained on the premises at all times. The book shall detail but not be limited to incidences of removal from the premises, drug misuse, under age drinking and refusal to serve alcohol including the reason for such actions. Any incidents must be timed, dated and signed by the author and counter signed on a weekly basis by the Premises Supervisor
- 5) The club has a strict no drugs policy and notices signalling such

### Public Safety

- 6) All staff and club committee members shall have annual health and safety training in order that they are aware of protocols in the event of an emergency
- 7) The club will have a trained first aider
- 8) Fire alarms regularly tested and serviced, clearly marked fire extinguishers

### Prevention of public nuisance

- 9) The premises have installed a noise limiter to control noise nuisance and they have also fitted non opening windows with sound deafening glass , sealed all the old air vents, fitted aluminium sealed entrance doors, replaced double swing doors inside the club with single sealed doors and installed air conditioning to eliminate the need to open windows and doors on hot days
- 10) Live and recorded music will only take place inside the building
- 11) Bar staff will check the smoking area and carpark at hourly intervals for excessive noise during regulated entertainment
- 12) The premises licence holder or nominated person must carry out observations in the vicinity of the dwellings surrounding the club on at least hourly intervals whilst live music and or recorded music is taking place to establish whether there is a noise breakout from the premises. If the observation reveals noise breakout at a level likely to cause disturbance to the occupants of properties in the vicinity then volume of music must be reduced to a level that does not cause disturbance.
- 13) A record of such observations is kept in a log for that purpose, such a log is completed immediately after the observation detailing the time, location, and duration of the observation, the level of noise breakout and any action taken to reduce noise breakout. Such records must be made available at all times upon request to a Police officer or an officer of the local authority.
- 14) Deliveries waste collection and cleaning will only take place during daytime hours

### Protection of children from Harm

- 15) Children under 18 shall not be permitted unless they are accompanied by a responsible adult
- 16) A strict challenge 25 policy shall be in operation
- 17) "No children permitted at the bar" and signage shall be erected
- 18) Bar staff will monitor behaviour around the club to identify if anyone under the age of 18 are drinking other peoples drinks brought for them by an adult
- 19) Staff will circulate in areas that are out of view of the bar
- 20) All bar staff employed by the club are adults and fully trained to confidently challenge any person that looks under 25 and those found under 25 will be reported as such to the responsible person on duty
- 21) No adult entertainment will be allowed on the premises

Mandatory Conditions will apply as per Section 19 and 20 Licensing Act 2003

### Reasons

The licensing subcommittee note the representations made by the one interested party regarding noise complaints and the concerns regarding the levels of noise during live and recorded music.

Environmental Health, as a Responsible Authority have considered the application and have not had cause to make a representation and or amend the conditions proposed by the applicant. There have been no objections from any Responsible Authorities.

The Licensing Subcommittee acknowledges that following the noise complaints the premises licence holder worked with Environmental Health to mitigate the effects of noise by installing a noise limiter which has been set and sealed by Hart District Council. The premises have also been fitted with non opening windows with sound deafening glass, sealed all the old air vents, fitted an aluminium sealed entrance doors, replaced doors within the club with single sealed doors, installed air conditioning to eliminate the need to

open windows on hot days and will ensure that live and recorded music will only take place inside the building. The subcommittee acknowledges the vicinity of the interested party's property to the club and in order to assist with the prevention of public nuisance has incorporated a condition requiring the club to undertake observations around the vicinity whilst live music and recorded music is playing and to keep a record of such observations and take proactive steps to minimise noise in the event of a noise breakout.

The interested party is advised to log all incidents of excessive noise levels and contact Environmental Health to report any future noise issues which may occur so that the appropriate investigations and action can be taken.

The sub-committee acknowledge that the Crookham Street Social Club is set in a village and acknowledges that the Hart Licensing policy states that there is light touch regulation of music up to 11pm which 'must not cause nuisance and disturbance to local residents,' and 'licensed premises will operate earlier terminal hours.'" However the Subcommittee would point out that the current club premises allows the provision of live music and recorded music until 00:00hrs. and therefore the premises licence application mirrors the time in which this regulated entertainment will come to an end and is in accordance with the deregulation of live music Live music Act 2012. It is acknowledged that the start times of the provision of live and recorded music mirrors the time the club is permitted to sell alcohol. The licensing subcommittee view is that mitigating steps have been taken to prevent public nuisance including noise reducing measures and the applicants co-operation with the council's EHO to operate hours permitted under the Club Premises Certificate.

You have 21 days from the date of receipt of the decision notice to appeal this decision.

Chair