



**Report of the Divisional Licensing Officer
Statutory Licensing Sub Committee
17 July 2019**

**Licensing Act 2003
Section 17 Application for a Premises Licence**

- 1. Premises: Ynystawe Park, Park Road, Ynystawe, Swansea, SA6 5AP**
- 2. Applicant : Mr Christopher John Hooke**
- 3. Application For A New Premises Licence**
- 3.1 An application for a new premises licence was received by this authority on the 22nd May 2019. The applicant has applied for a premises licence to allow the following licensable activities to take place.

**Plays, Films, Live Music, Recorded Music, Performance of Dance,
Anything Similar to Music/Dance & Supply of Alcohol**

Monday to Sunday 0900-2300

4. Background

The premises is a park located just off Clydach Road on Park Road. The park has many amenities including a bowling green, children's play area, tennis/basketball courts, football pitches and BMX/skate jumps.

A location plan of the premises is attached at **Appendix A**.

A plan of the proposed premises is attached at **Appendix B**.

5. Promotion Of The Licensing Objectives

- 5.1 The Licensing Act 2003 contains four licensing objectives, namely:-
- (i) Prevention of Crime and Disorder
 - (ii) Public Safety
 - (iii) Prevention of Public Nuisance
 - (iv) Protection of Children from Harm

Each of these objectives is of equal importance and the application must demonstrate how they are to be promoted.

Conditions consistent with the operating schedule that will be attached to the licence if granted are at **Appendix C**.

6. RELEVANT REPRESENTATIONS

6.1 Responsible Authorities

- a) **South Wales Police**
No representations.
- b) **Trading Standards**
No representations.
- c) **Mid and West Wales Fire Authority**
No representations.
- d) **Health and Safety**
No representations.
- e) **Planning Authority**
No representations.
- f) **Pollution Division**
No representations.
- g) **Child Protection**
No representations.
- h) **Primary Care Trust/Local Health Board**
No representations.
- i) **Licensing Authority**
No representations.
- j) **Immigration**
No representations.
- k) **Other Persons**

A representation has been received from local residents. A copy of the representation is attached at **Appendix D**.

Although not a representation a letter of support has been received on behalf of the Ward Members, for an event that is proposed for the park in August 2019, if the licence is granted. A copy of the letter is attached for information at **Appendix E**.

7. Policy Consideration

7.1 In considering this application Members should have regard to the Council's current statement of Licensing Policy adopted in July 2018. Specifically in relation to this application;

(i) Deregulation – Foreword

(d) Certain activities are now no longer required to be licensed due to changes in legislation as a result of deregulation. Amendments made to the 2003 Act by the Live Music Act 2012 and the Licensing Act 2003 (Descriptions of Entertainment) (Amendment) Order 2013, Legislative Reform Order 2014 and the Deregulation Act 2015, means that a licence is not required for the following activities to the extent that they take place between 08:00- 23:00 on any day:

Live music, where the live music comprises;

- A performance of unamplified live music
- A performance of live amplified music in a workplace with an audience of no more than 500 people; or
- A performance of live or recorded music on licensed premises which takes place in the presence of an audience of no more than 500 people, subject to certain conditions being met.

Recorded music, where recorded music comprises;

- Any playing of recorded music on licensed premises which takes place in the presence of an audience of no more than 500;
- Any playing of recorded music in unlicensed premises, subject to certain conditions being met.
- Dance – no licence is required for performances on any day provided that the audience does not exceed 500.

Where de-regulated activities take place on licensed premises any licence conditions relating to 'live' music or entertainment will be suspended, but it is possible to impose new, or reinstate existing conditions following a review of a premises licence or club premises certificate.

(ii) Control – Section 4

Paragraph 4.4 The Licensing Authority will primarily focus on the direct impact of the activities taking place at the licensed premises on members of the public, living, working or engaged in normal activities in the area concerned. It will be expected that any representation made by "Other Persons" will indicate how the application will directly affect them in relation to one or more of the licensing objectives.

Paragraph 4.5 Licensing law is not the primary mechanism for the general control of nuisance and anti-social behaviour by individuals once they are away from the licensed premises and beyond the direct control of the persons holding the relevant authorisation.

(iii) Licensing Hours – Section 7

Paragraph 7.1 When determining individual licence applications for premises the licensing hours will be decided having regard to the individual merits of each application. The presumption will be to grant the hours as requested unless there are objections to those hours raised by responsible authorities or other persons on the basis of the licensing objectives.

Paragraph 7.4 The Licensing Authority will closely examine the hours of business for premises which are situated in predominantly residential areas and will impose strict conditions relating to noise control where representations are received and it is considered necessary.

(iv) Integrating Strategies – Section 9

Paragraph 9.4 states: The Licensing Authority will have regard to the need to encourage and promote live music, dancing and theatre for the benefit of communities generally.

(v) Conditions – Section 12

Paragraph 12.3 The Licensing Authority will attach conditions to licences or certificates that are tailored to the individual size, style, characteristics and activities taking place at the premises or event concerned.

(vi) Applications for licences, certificates, authorisations and reviews – Section 15

Paragraph 15.1 The Licensing Authority will consider each application received on its merits in the context of the four licensing objectives.

Paragraph 15.4 The Licensing Authority also accepts that Other Persons or responsible authorities, as defined in the Act, have the right to make representations in respect of an application, or to seek a review of a licence or certificate within the provisions of the Act. Such representations will be considered on their merits and how they relate to the likely effect of the grant of the licence or certificate on the promotion of at least one or more of the licensing objectives. Also, how the representations are relevant to the promotion of one or more of the licensing objectives in the case of a review of a licence or certificate. When a petition is

submitted as a representation it will only be considered if it relates to one or more of the four licensing objectives and it is demonstrated that the details of the representation have been made clear to each signatory i.e. that the heading is included on each page of the petition. A relevant representation may be positive or supportive in nature as opposed to being negative but it must still demonstrate that the licensing objectives are being promoted.

7.2 A full copy of the Authority's Policy has previously been circulated to Members.

An up to date copy of the Policy may be found via the following link:
<https://www.swansea.gov.uk/article/4280/Statement-of-licensing-policy>

8. Guidance Issued By The Home Secretary

8.1 Members should also have regard to the relevant parts of the current guidance issued by the Home Secretary in April 2018, in particular;

- (i) Introduction – Chapter 1
- (ii) Licensing Objectives – Chapter 2
- (iii) Applications For Premises Licenses – Chapter 8
- (iv) Determining Applications – Chapter 9
- (v) Conditions attached to Premises Licenses – Chapter 10
- (vi) Promotion of Equality – Chapter 14 paragraphs 14.66 -14.67

Paragraphs 2.7 to 2.9 refer to Public Safety and paragraphs 2.15 to 2.21 refer to Public Nuisance and in particular -

- (i) Public Safety Paragraph 2.7 Licence holders have a responsibility to ensure the safety of those using their premises, as a part of their duties under the 2003 Act. This concerns the safety of people using the relevant premises rather than public health which is addressed in other legislation. Physical safety includes the prevention of accidents and injuries and other immediate harms that can result from alcohol consumption such as unconsciousness or alcohol poisoning. Conditions relating to public safety may also promote the crime and disorder objective as noted above. There will of course be occasions when a public safety condition could incidentally benefit a person's health more generally, but it should not be the purpose of the condition as this would be outside the licensing authority's powers (be ultra vires) under the 2003 Act. Conditions should not be imposed on a premises licence or club premises certificate which relate to cleanliness or hygiene.
- (ii) Public Nuisance
Paragraph 2.15 The 2003 Act enables licensing authorities and responsible authorities, through representations, to consider what constitutes public nuisance and what is appropriate to prevent it in

terms of conditions attached to specific premises licences and club premises certificates. It is therefore important that in considering the promotion of this licensing objective, licensing authorities and responsible authorities focus on the effect of the licensable activities at the specific premises on persons living and working (including those carrying on business) in the area around the premises which may be disproportionate and unreasonable. The issues will mainly concern noise nuisance, light pollution, noxious smells and litter.

Paragraph 2.19 Where applications have given rise to representations, any appropriate conditions should normally focus on the most sensitive periods. For example, the most sensitive period for people being disturbed by unreasonably loud music is at night and into the early morning when residents in adjacent properties may be attempting to go to sleep or are sleeping. This is why there is still a need for a licence for performances of live music between 11 pm and 8 am. In certain circumstances, conditions relating to noise emanating from the premises may also be appropriate to address any disturbance anticipated as customers enter and leave.

Paragraph 2.21 Beyond the immediate area surrounding the premises, these are matters for the personal responsibility of individuals under the law. An individual who engages in anti-social behaviour is accountable in their own right. However, it would be perfectly reasonable for a licensing authority to impose a condition, following relevant representations, that requires the licence holder or club to place signs at the exits from the building encouraging patrons to be quiet until they leave the area, or that, if they wish to smoke, to do so at designated places on the premises instead of outside, and to respect the rights of people living nearby to a peaceful night.

- 8.2 A copy of the Home Secretary's Guidance has previously been circulated to Members.

An up to date copy of the Guidance may be found via the following link:
https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/705588/Revised_guidance_issued_under_section_182_of_the_Licensing_Act_2003_April_2018_.pdf

9. Determination Of The Application

- 9.1 The decision must be based on the individual merits of the application and the representations received, with a view to promoting the licensing objectives outlined in paragraph 5 above.
- 9.2 In addition in arriving at the decision Members should have regard to the relevant provisions of the Council's Statement of Licensing Policy and

the Secretary of State's Guidance as previously provided. Reasons must be provided for any departures from the Policy or Guidance.

9.3 In reaching the decision the Committee must, having regard to the representations, take such steps mentioned below (if any) as it considers appropriate for the promotion of the licensing objectives:-

- a. Grant the licence subject to:
 - i) conditions that reflect the operating schedule, modified to such extent as the authority considers appropriate for promotion of the licensing objectives. Certain regulated entertainment under the Licensing Act 2003 (as amended) has been deregulated. Where entertainment is deregulated, but licensable activities continue to take place on any premises, any licence conditions imposed on a grant of a licence in respect of any deregulated entertainment will be suspended.
 - ii) any mandatory conditions relevant to the licence
- b. Exclude any of the licensable activities to which the application relates.
- c. Refuse to specify a person in the licence as the premises supervisor.
- d. Reject the application

The Licensing Sub Committee's instructions are requested.

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