

South Lakeland District Council
Licensing Sub-Committee
Tuesday, 31 August 2021 at 13.30 hours
Application for the Grant of a Premises Licence
Kirby Lonsdale Football Club

Portfolio: Economy, Culture and Leisure Portfolio Holder
Report from: Director of Customer and Commercial Services
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Wards: Sedbergh & Kirkby Lonsdale;
Forward Plan: Not Applicable

1.0 Expected Outcome and Measures of Success

1.1 The purpose of this report is to enable members to determine whether or not to grant the application for a premises licence in respect of Kirkby Lonsdale Football Club Lunefield Park Kirkby Lonsdale having taken into account the 5 relevant representations submitted by interested parties.

2.0 Recommendation

2.1 Members are requested to consider the representations that have been made, and determine whether or not to grant the application for a premises licence, with or without conditions.

3.0 Background and Proposals

3.1 Subsection 1.17 of guidance issued under section 182 of the Licensing Act 2003 states

”Each application must be considered on its own merits and in accordance with the licensing authority’s statement of licensing policy; for example, if the application falls within the scope of a cumulative impact policy. Conditions attached to licences and certificates must be tailored to the individual type, location and characteristics of the premises and events concerned. This is essential to avoid the imposition of disproportionate and overly burdensome conditions on premises where there is no need for such conditions. Standardised conditions should be avoided and indeed may be unlawful where they cannot be shown to be appropriate for the promotion of the licensing objectives in an individual case”.

3.2 Members may be aware that these premises are the subject of a previous application which was referred to the Licensing Sub-Committee on 6 July 2021. Before the application could be heard Members were advised that the club had submitted an application for the grant of a club premises certificate, when in actual fact, they were not a qualifying club in accordance with Section 60 of the Licensing Act 2003.

- 3.3 On 6 July 2021 an application for the grant of a premises licence, under the Licensing Act 2003, on behalf of Kirkby Lonsdale Football Club, Kirkby Lonsdale was received from Chris Rowsell. The application (**Appendix 1**) seeks authorisation for the sale of alcohol (for consumption on the premises) Saturday and Sunday from 13.00 to 22.00
- 3.4 The opening hours specified by the application are Saturday and Sunday from 10.00 to 22.30 inclusive.
- 3.5 A plan of the general area showing the club house, football pitches and the proximity of local resident streets is attached to the application form.

4.0 Consultation

- 4.1 A copy of the application has been served on all responsible authorities. The Police have stated that they have no objection to the application, but note that at present, there is not a Designated Premises Supervisor (DPS) named in the application. Members are advised that they may still grant the application, but the sale of alcohol will not be permitted until such time as the premises have a DPS in place.
- 4.2 The applicant advertised the application in a local newspaper within the first 10 working days of consultation as required by legislation. They also displayed a 'blue notice' at the premises from the first day of the consultation period.
- 4.3 5 representations have been received from interested parties and they have been brought to the attention of the applicant. The representations have suggested that the possible effect of granting the licence would undermine all four of the licensing objectives, which are 'Public Safety', 'Prevention of public nuisance', 'Prevention of crime and disorder' and 'Protection of children from harm'. A copy of the representations are contained within (**Appendix 2**) of this report.
- 4.4 The first representation was put to the applicant who responded by offering up further conditions and assurances but the representation was not withdrawn. A copy of the response by the applicant is attached. (**Appendix 3**).

5.0 Alternative Options

- 5.1 The Licensing Sub-Committee may
- Grant the premises licence
 - Refuse to grant the premises licence, or;
 - Grant the premises licence with modified conditions

6.0 Links to Council Priorities

- 6.1 Working together to make South Lakeland the best place to live, work and explore.

7.0 Implications

Financial, Resources and Procurement

- 7.1 There are no financial implications.

Human Resources

- 7.2 There are no issues in this respect

Legal

- 7.3 Licensing Act 2003 section 18 (3) states that where relevant representations are made in relation to a premises licence application, the Licensing Authority must –

- (a) hold a hearing to consider them, unless the authority, the applicant and each person who has made such representations agree that a hearing is unnecessary, and
- (b) having regard to the representations, take such of the steps mentioned in subsection (4) (if any) as it considers appropriate for the promotion of the licensing objectives.

(4) The steps are—

- (a) to grant the licence subject to—
 - (i) the conditions mentioned in subsection (2)(a) modified to such extent as the authority considers appropriate for the promotion of the licensing objectives, and
 - (ii) any conditions which must under section 19, 20 or 21 be included in the licence;
- (b) to exclude from the scope of the licence any of the licensable activities to which the application relates;
- (c) to refuse to specify a person in the licence as the premises supervisor.
- (d) to reject the application

The conditions in subsection (2)(a) are:

- (a) such conditions as are consistent with the operating schedule accompanying the application, and
- (b) any conditions which must under section 19, 20 or 21 be included in the licence.

The conditions under Section 19 are relevant to the mandatory conditions which must be included in the licence, including the condition that no supply of alcohol made be made under the premise licence when there is no designated premises supervisor or at a time when the designated premises supervisor does not hold a personal licence or his personal licence is suspended.

Condition 20 is in relation to the exhibition of films and is not relevant as the applicant does not seek to exhibit films.

Condition 21 is a mandatory condition in relation to door supervisors and again is not relevant to this application as there is no reference to door supervisors in the application or put forward as a possible condition by a responsible authority or interested party.

7.4 Members attention is drawn to the following sections of the Section 182 Guidance to the Licensing Act 2003, which states:

2.1 *Licensing authorities should look to the police as the main source of advice on crime and disorder. They should also seek to involve the local Community Safety Partnership (CSP)*

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.

- 2.16 *Public nuisance is given a statutory meaning in many pieces of legislation. It is however not narrowly defined in the 2003 Act and retains its broad common law meaning. It may include in appropriate circumstances the reduction of the living and working amenity and environment of other persons living and working in the area of the licensed premises. Public nuisance may also arise as a result of the adverse effects of artificial light, dust, odour and insects or where its effect is prejudicial to health.*
- 2.17 *Conditions relating to noise nuisance will usually concern steps appropriate to control the levels of noise emanating from premises. This might be achieved by a simple measure such as ensuring that doors and windows are kept closed after a particular time, or persons are not permitted in garden areas of the premises after a certain time. More sophisticated measures like the installation of acoustic curtains or rubber speaker mounts to mitigate sound escape from the premises may be appropriate. However, conditions in relation to live or recorded music may not be enforceable in circumstances where the entertainment activity itself is not licensable (see chapter 16). Any conditions appropriate to promote the prevention of public nuisance should be tailored to the type, nature and characteristics of the specific premises and its licensable activities. Licensing authorities should avoid inappropriate or disproportionate measures that could deter events that are valuable to the community, such as live music. Noise limiters, for example, are expensive to purchase and install and are likely to be a considerable burden for smaller venues.*
- 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.*
- 9.42 *Licensing authorities are best placed to determine what actions are appropriate for the promotion of the licensing objectives in their areas. All licensing determinations should be considered on a case-by-case basis. They should take into account any representations or objections that have been received from responsible authorities or other persons, and representations made by the applicant or premises user as the case may be.*
- 9.43 *The authority's determination should be evidence-based, justified as being appropriate for the promotion of the licensing objectives and proportionate to what it is intended to achieve.*
- 16.36 *Any existing licence conditions (or conditions added on a determination of an application for a premises licence or club premises certificate⁶⁵) which relate to live music or recorded music remain in place, but are suspended between the hours of 08.00 and 23.00 on the same day where the following conditions*

are met: • at the time of the music entertainment, the premises are open for the purposes of being used for the sale or supply of alcohol for consumption on the premises; • if the music is amplified, it takes place before an audience of no more than 500 people; and • the music takes place between 08.00 and 23.00 on the same day.

16.37 Whether a licence condition relates to live or recorded music will be a matter of fact in each case. In some instances, it will be obvious that a condition relates to music and will be suspended, for example “during performances of live music all doors and windows must remain closed”. In other instances, it might not be so obvious: for example, a condition stating “during performances of regulated entertainment all doors and windows must remain closed” would be suspended insofar as it relates to music between 08.00 and 23.00 on the same day to an audience of up to 500, but the condition would continue to apply if there was regulated entertainment after 23.00.

16.38 More general licence conditions (e.g. those relating to overall management of potential noise nuisance) that are not specifically related to the provision of entertainment (e.g. signage asking patrons to leave quietly) will continue to have effect.

16.41 Where a performance of live music or the playing of recorded music on relevant licensed premises is not licensable, it remains possible for anyone to apply for a review of a licence or certificate, if there are appropriate grounds to do so.

Health and Sustainability Impact Assessment

7.5 Have you completed a Health and Sustainability Impact Assessment? No

7.6 No assessment has been completed as the hearing is in line with legislative guidance, the impact of which has deemed as having a neutral impact.

7.7 Summary of Health and Sustainability Impacts N/A

Equality and Diversity

7.8 Have you completed an Equality Impact Analysis? No

7.9 If you have not completed an Impact Analysis, please explain your reasons:

No assessment has been completed as the hearing is in line with legislative guidance, the impact of which has deemed as having a neutral impact.

Risk

Risk Management	Consequence	Controls required
<p>All applications are to be considered at the hearing and with all available information. In accordance with the Legislation and guidance.</p> <p>Members may consider that the application should not be granted and should members be minded not to grant this application, their decisions may be overturned on appeal to the Magistrates Court.</p>	<p>The courts may decide to grant the application. It does not automatically follow that costs would be awarded. The Councils would need to have acted unreasonably.</p>	<p>Members to be made aware that the applicant has a right of appeal.</p>

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Appendices Attached to this Report

Appendix No.	Name of Appendix
1	Application form plan of premise and map showing general area
2	Copy of 5 representations received
3	Further conditions offered by the applicant.

Background Documents Available

Name of Background document	Where it is available
Licensing Act 2003	https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2003/17/contents
Section 182 guidance issued under Licensing Act 2003	https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/explanatory-memorandum-revised-guidance-issued-under-s-182-of-licensing-act-2003
SLDC Statement of Licensing Policy	https://www.southlakeland.gov.uk/contentsearcher?q=licensing+poli

Tracking Information

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Leader	N/A
Committee Chairman	N/A
Portfolio Holder	N/A
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Committee	N/A
Executive (Cabinet)	N/A
Council	N/A