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KIRKLEES COUNCIL

LICENSING PANEL

Tuesday 12th September 2017

Present: Councillor Jim Dodds (Chair)
Councillor Karen Allison
Councillor Linda Wilkinson

1 Site Visit

A site visit was undertaken prior to the start of the meeting.

2 Appointment of the Chair

That Councillor Jim Dodds be appointed chair for the meeting.

3 Interests

No Interests were declared.

4 Admission of the Public

The Panel considered the exclusion of the public and determined that all agenda items be considered in public session.

5 Deputations/Petitions

No Deputations or Petitions were received.

6 Public Question Time

No questions were asked.

7 Application for the GRANT of a Temporary Premises Licence at Fartown Pavilion, Spanies Road, Fartown, Huddersfield

The Panel considered an application to grant a temporary premises licence at Fartown Pavilion, Spanies Road, Fartown, Huddersfield under the Licensing Act 2003.

The Members of the Licensing Panel which considered the application were Councillor Jim Dodds (Chair), Councillor Karen Alison and Councillor Linda Wilkinson.

The Chair invited Mike Skelton, Licensing Officer to outline the details of the application. The Panel was advised that on the 18th July 2017, the Licensing Department received an application for the Grant of a Temporary Premises Licence for Fartown Pavilion. The application was made by Cultural Events Promotions LTD who had requested the licence for the 27th May 2018 only, to hold an outdoor music event. Mr Skelton informed the Panel that subject to the decision of the Panel today, prior to the event there would be a Safety Advisory Group (SAG) Meeting involving West Yorkshire Police, Fire and Safety, Highways and Environmental Health.

The application was for the following licensable activities and hours:

	Supply of Alcohol (for consumption on the premises only)	Live and Recorded Music	Performance of Dance
Monday			
Tuesday			
Wednesday			
Thursday			
Friday			
Saturday			
Sunday	10:00 – 20:00	12:00 – 21:00	12:00 – 21:00

The Panel was advised that on 11th August 2017, a representation was made on behalf of a local resident, Mr Malcolm Reffell and Chair of the Richmond Avenue Tenants and Residents Association. The representation included a petition signed by 13 other residents who opposed the granting of this licence. The representation stated that if the application was to be granted as applied for, then three of the four Licensing Objectives would not be met, being the prevention of public nuisance, the prevention of crime and disorder and the protection of children from harm.

Mr Skelton confirmed that no comments had been received from the Responsible Authorities.

The Chair then invited the Applicant to make representation in support of the application. In summary, the Applicant informed the Panel that sound engineers had been instructed by the company to ensure that the design and layout would reduce the impact of noise on local residents.

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The panel were informed that the company had employed a security firm with experience of holding similar events around the country to assist with the layout of the grounds and ensure that the site was safe and secure.

The Applicant explained that he had met with Kirklees Traffic Management Team and they had surveyed the area, and the Applicant confirmed that the same parking areas would be used as that for the Huddersfield Carnival.

The Applicant advised that in light of concerns highlighted in the report about the sale of alcohol, the Applicant now planned to sell alcohol from 12 noon rather than 10am. The Panel were advised that the security staff were confident they could clear the event area by 10:00pm following alcohol sales ending at 8:00pm and the bands finishing at 9:00pm.

The Panel then asked the objector, Mr Reffell to outline the reasons for his objection to the application. Mr Reffell informed the Panel that the estate next to the venue was one made up of elders and people with disabilities and was a quiet place for them to live. Mr Reffell explained that he was concerned that if noise became a problem on the day of the event, there would be no-one available at the Licensing Department to deal with the complaint given that the event was being held on a Sunday. Mr Reffell advised that there were regular events that were held at the Pavilion with no problems, as these events did not use amplified music. Mr Reffell also explained that he was opposed to the alcohol licence due to the vulnerable people living in the community. Mr Reffell informed the Panel that the members of his community often needed ambulances, and they would have difficulty getting to the residents given the parking around the area.

Following careful consideration of all the representations both verbally and in writing, the Panel:

RESOLVED: That the Temporary Premises Licence be granted subject to the Applicant accepting any relevant conditions deemed necessary by officers from Environmental Health in relation to noise and Highways in relation to event parking following the Safety Advisory Group meeting.