



DECISION NOTICE

Date	24 May 2016
Applicant	Kirkham & Wesham Cricket Club, Woodland Avenue, Kirkham
Reason for Hearing	<p>The Licensing Authority had received an application to apply for a premises licence at Kirkham & Wesham Cricket Club</p> <p>There had been representations from Environmental Protection (responsible authorities) and as such meant that the Sub-Committee must determine the application.</p>
Parties in Attendance	<p>Panel:</p> <p>Councillor David Donaldson - Convenor, Councillor Jan Barker, Councillor Alan Clayton.</p> <p>Applicant:</p> <p>Rodger Wightman, The Licensing Practice, representing the applicant Kirkham & Wesham Cricket Club</p> <p>Responsible Authorities:</p> <p>Philip Dent representing Environmental Protection</p>

The licensing authority had received an application for the grant of a premises licence at Kirkham & Wesham Cricket Club, including the grounds of the club to be used for pre arranged events and functions for no more than 8 events in any 12 month period.

In considering the application, the panel had to consider whether granting the licence would promote the four licensing objectives which are:

- The prevention of crime and disorder;
- Public safety;
- The prevention of public nuisance; and
- The protection of children from harm.

An objection to the application had been received from Philip Dent, Principal Environmental Officer for Fylde Council, as one of the responsible authorities as defined by the Act.

This was the subject of the hearing this morning.

As well as Mr Dent, we heard from Rodger Wightman and Jason Oldfield on behalf of the Cricket Club

We thank the representatives for their help.

The issues arising were around the potential for noise nuisance, and therefore the prevention of public nuisance licensing objective was engaged.

We took into account the information put before us, the Council's Statement of Licensing Policy and the Guidance issued under section 182 of the Licensing Act 2003.

The evidence that we heard identified that the use of the external ground could potentially cause a noise nuisance to residents in the residential streets that surround the premises, however it was noted that no residents had raised any objections to the application.

We heard that the club was community run and had held an event, under a temporary events notice, the previous year which was successful and raised no complaints. The applicant explained that they had mail dropped all the surrounding residents informing them of the event and that had been gratefully received.

It was confirmed that the maximum number of events to be held outdoors would be 8 in any 12 month period and that any live music provided outdoors would finish by 2300 hours.

In the light of the evidence and submissions that we heard, we concluded that it was appropriate for the promotion of the licensing objectives to grant the licence as applied for, subject to the conditions that will be mentioned in a moment. In particular, we were satisfied that the applicant is an established community organisation who had exhibited and would continue to apply a responsible attitude to licensable activities and to show consideration for its immediate neighbours.

Our decision is therefore as follows:

To grant the application for a premises licence at Kirkham and Wesham Cricket Club as applied for subject to the following conditions that have been agreed between the applicant and the police prior to the panel hearing:

- i) The Club shall rigorously implement a Safeguarding policy in relation to its junior members which shall be continuously updated and aligned with its governing body, the ECB, and their safeguarding policy "Safehands"
- ii) On issue and commencement of the new premises licence the existing licence operated by the Club (reference FY PL0168 refers) will be surrendered to Fylde Borough Council within 10 working days.
- iii) Private functions which specifically target young people aged 17-18 years (for example birthday parties) will not be allowed to take place on the premises.

That is our decision and we thank you for your assistance.