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To: Cllr Tony Sharps (Chairman)

CS/NG

Councillors: David Cox and Mike Reece

13 May 2014

Maureen Potter / 01352 702322

Dear Sir / Madam

A meeting of the **LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE** will be held in the **CLWYD COMMITTEE ROOM, COUNTY HALL, MOLD CH7 6NA** on **MONDAY, 19TH MAY, 2014** at **10.00 AM** to consider the following items.

Yours faithfully

Democracy & Governance Manager

AGENDA

- 1 **APOLOGIES**
- 2 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (INCLUDING WHIPPING DECLARATIONS)**
- 3 **APPLICATION FOR A PREMISES LICENCE** (Pages 1 - 14)
For Members to consider and determine an application for a Premises Licence

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FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

REPORT TO: **LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE**
DATE: **MONDAY, 19 MAY 2014**
REPORT BY: **DIRECTOR OF ENVIRONMENT**
SUBJECT: **APPLICATION FOR A PREMISES LICENCE**

1.00 PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.01 To request that Members determine an application for a premises licence.

2.00 BACKGROUND

2.01 The area that the proposed licence will cover includes Maes Bodlonfa Recreation Field, Kendrick's Field and Mold Ornamental Park. These locations can be seen in Appendix 1

2.02 The application is being made by Mold Town Council

2.03 The application was advertised in the correct manner

3.00 CONSIDERATIONS

3.01 The applicant intends to use the licence on ten occasions per year.

3.02 The application is to include Plays, Live Music, Recorded Music, Performance of Dance and the Supply of Alcohol between the hours of 10:00 am and 10:30 pm.

3.03 It is proposed that Mr David Hill, Mold Town Centre Manager will be the Designated Premises Supervisor.

3.04 The additional steps needed to promote the Licensing Objectives can be seen in Appendix 2

3.05 Representations were received from members of the public. These can be seen in Appendix 3-5

4.00 RECOMMENDATIONS

4.01 That Members determine the application.

5.00 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

5.01 None in respect of this report

6.00 ANTI POVERTY IMPACT

6.01 None

7.00 ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

7.01 The prevention of crime and disorder and the prevention of public nuisance are two of the licensing objectives.

8.00 EQUALITIES IMPACT

8.01 None

9.00 PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS

9.01 None

10.00 CONSULTATION REQUIRED

10.01 None

11.00 CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN

11.01 None

12.00 APPENDICES

12.01 See Attached

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT (ACCESS TO INFORMATION ACT) 1985
BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS**

Licensing Act 2003
Section 182 Guidance to Local Authorities
FCC Statement of Licensing Policy
Contact Officer: James Lowe
Telephone: 01352 703376
Email: james.lowe@flintshire.gov.uk

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- Regulated Entertainment + Supply of Alcohol.

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Appendix 2

Describe the steps you intend to take to promote the four licensing objectives:

a) General – all four licensing objectives (b, c, d and e) (please read guidance note 9)

The Town Council operates an effective Event Planning procedure that incorporates ensuring that all four licensing objectives are complied with.
An event safety plan and risk assessment is undertaken and an Event Safety Officer identified for each occasion.
The Town Council ensure that sufficient Stewards are in place and briefed prior to the event and the Police are always liaised with and frequently form part of any organising group.

b) The prevention of crime and disorder

The Town Council ensures that sufficient Stewards are in place and briefed prior to the event and the Police are always liaised with and frequently form part of any organising group.
Measures are in place to deal with any cash management issues, alcoholic drinks are only served under the responsibility of existing personal licence holders.

c) Public safety

An event safety plan and risk assessment is undertaken and an Event Safety Officer identified for each occasion who has the sole responsibility to ensure any ongoing safety issues are addressed.
Suppliers and contractors are checked for public liability insurance, method statements and risk assessments where necessary and understand their individual responsibilities.
Fire safety measures are considered and addressed within any event plan.

d) The prevention of public nuisance

Whilst the events organised are widely accepted and enjoyed by the community, the Town Council recognises its responsibility to neighbours who may be affected by the activities. To that end, neighbours in close proximity are informed in advance, events recognise work days and all finish by 10.30pm, any potential rowdiness or antisocial behaviour is addressed promptly and litter is managed proactively.

e) The protection of children from harm

The serving of alcoholic drinks is under the responsibility of established personal licence holders and the event is adequately stewarded with the police involved as appropriate for the event.
St John's First Aid is available when required and events risk assessed to cover any identified harm to children.

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Dear Sir/Madam

We have seen your flyer and we are writing this to strongly express our feelings against the applications for a premises licence to run community events throughout the year at Maes Bodlonfa Recreation Field, Kendricks Field and the Ornamental Park, Mold.

Our home backs on to the Mold Ornamental Park and we have had to endure numerous instances of unacceptable levels of noise, foul language, vandalism and other anti-social behaviour, which we know will only get worse and more frequent with these 10 occasions each year. We have had to put up with noise from the tennis courts till 10pm and noise from the Skate Park on the recreation field, not to mention seeing all the vandalism and littering. During the summer this occurs practically every night. The skate park is supposed to close at 9pm but it is not manned and anti-social behaviour continues into the early hours of the morning. It is a similar situation in the Ornamental Park, although it has improved somewhat since it's been locked at 7pm every night. Prior to this (around six years ago), there were countless instances of anti-social behaviour, youth drinking and vandalism that often resulted in the police being called out.

We've experienced all this first hand and it will only get worse during these 10 occasions every year and it affects every resident in this area. We know this because there have been fairs on the Maes Bodlonfa Recreation Field in the past which cause massive levels of noise, vibrations, distractions and disturbances throughout the day and then way into the night, even after the fair has ended. As just one example, we do not appreciate at all having to close all our windows on a hot summer's day in an attempt to drown out the sounds of microphones and loud music and we don't want to have to start doing that on even more occasions. The extra people that these activities will attract will result in an increased level of noise and anti-social behaviour continuing after 10.30pm when these events have finished, and with more instances of the police being called out.

As well as raising our concerns we would like to know how this has been approved, who was consulted and if we have any say? Were any other sites considered that may have less of an impact on local residents? We pay our rates and believe we are entitled to our security and peace and quiet. Also, how will the police feel about getting increased calls and will anything be done to help, for instance, will the Council provide a park keeper to check the premises and close up after 10.30pm?

We hope you take this into consideration, and if necessary pass it on to any other the relevant areas. We await your response.

A very concerned resident.

Yours faithfully,

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Sir

re: Premises Licence application 02

We have three objections to lodge in opposition to the above.

1. **Number of occasions viz. 10** when functions would take place would most likely be in the six months between May and October. "Occasions" could also mean whole weekends. This could represent 40% of the 26 week window of time when we could expect to enjoy our own outdoor leisure undisturbed by blaring music and other noise within just a few metres of our home. In the past this has been another unwelcome intrusion into our lives on top of the clatter of skateboards, car engines, foul language and urinators against the hedge/fence.
2. **10.00am – 10.30pm** To be subjected to noise until 10.30pm just metres to the rear of our home is a quite unacceptable situation. If functions are to be held here, 9.00pm is a more acceptable time for the residents of this area.
3. **Alcohol** At the entrance to the Recreation Ground, and reinforced elsewhere within, are notices, in effect, prohibiting the consumption of alcohol in the Recreation Ground, on Kendrick's Field and in the ornamental gardens. And here we have an application in direct conflict with that restriction. Furthermore, there are no toilet facilities within the grounds. In summer, in clement weather, gangs of young males and females congregate to drink booze here, strew litter everywhere and urinate wherever they feel like. We are totally fed up with having unsociable and undesirables urinating against our fence or the hedge alongside. While not appearing to be pious teetotallers or party poops, quite the opposite in fact, we have no desire to see the granting of an alcohol licence for these premises.

Yours faithfully,

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FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

30 APR 2014

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Interim Public Protection Officer
Flintshire County Council
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Flintshire
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Dear Sir / Madam,

**APPLICATION FOR A PREMISES LICENCE BY MOLD TOWN COUNCIL AT
MAES BODLONFA RECREATION FIELD, KENDRICKS FIELD AND MOLD
ORNAMENTAL PARK - REPRESENTATION**

We wish to object to the subject application at Mold Ornamental Park. We live on the boundary of the Park and the proposed activities would impact on our privacy and disrupt seriously our family life. Our son is autistic and becomes disturbed when subjected to noisy situations.

In the past we have been plagued by youths drinking illegally in the Ornamental Park late at night, creating noise, swearing and causing damage. Thankfully, such nuisance behaviour is now much less prevalent, helped in no small way by the Park being designated an alcohol free zone and locked at dusk each day. The proposed activities threaten to undo all this good work and would set unwelcome precedents of permitting alcohol consumption in the Park and allowing access late into the night.

Therefore, we do not want Mold Ornamental Park to be used for the activities proposed in the Application for a Premises Licence by Mold Town Council.

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