



Subject:	Application for the Grant of a Fourteen-Day Occasional Indoor Entertainments Licence – Holy Cross Boys’ Pitch
Date:	19th September, 2018
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Call-in	
Is the decision eligible for Call-in?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

1.0	Purpose of Report/Summary of Main Issues		
1.1	To consider an application for the Grant of a Fourteen-Day Occasional Indoor Entertainments Licence based on the Council’s standard conditions to provide indoor music, singing, dancing or any other entertainment of a like kind.		
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1.3	The application is in relation to the Ardoyne Marrowbone Community Festival for a variety of events, including theatrical performances, which took place in a marquee commencing on 16th August and running to 26th August.
1.4	A copy of the application form is attached at Appendix 1.
1.5	A location map is attached at Appendix 2.
2.0	Recommendations
2.1	<p>Taking into account the information presented, you are required to consider the application and make a decision to either:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. approve the application for the grant of the Entertainments Licence, or 2. approve the application for the grant of the Entertainments Licence with special conditions, or 3. refuse the application for the grant of the Entertainments Licence.
2.2	If the application is refused, or special conditions are attached to the licence to which the applicant does not consent, then the applicant may appeal the Council's decision within 21 days of notification of that decision to the County Court.
3.0	Main report
	<u>Key Issues</u>
3.1	Members are reminded that the normal process for dealing with an Entertainments Licence application which is not the subject of objections is that the Director of Planning and Building Control will grant the licence as provided for in the Council's Scheme of Delegation.
	Consideration by the Licensing Committee
3.2	Members are advised that the application for this licence was received on 6th July, 2018, however, the legal advertisement was not placed until 11th August and therefore the 28-day statutory period during which representations to the application may be made did not expire until 31st August. This was after the event was scheduled to take place.
3.3	In the circumstances where a significant number of tickets had been sold, Chief Officers, in consultation with Party Group Representatives, agreed to grant approval for the festival events only and on condition that the application would then be brought to the September Licensing Committee meeting for consideration.
3.4	The Licence was, therefore, issued for the events on 16th August to 26th August as, from a regulatory and enforcement perspective, this is preferable to an event proceeding unlicensed.
3.5	It should be noted that the last-minute nature of the circumstances places significant pressure on Building Control staff to assess event safety documentation and ensure all technical requirements are in place for the safe operation of the events.

3.6	<p>The Fourteen-day Occasional Licence, if granted by Committee, will expire on 31st July, 2019. However, the application was for the specified days only of the Festival and the Licensee does not intend to hold any events for the remainder of the Licence period.</p> <p><u>PSNI</u></p> <p>3.7 The PSNI has no objection to the application.</p> <p>3.8 A copy of the PSNI's correspondence is attached at Appendix 3.</p> <p><u>NIFRS</u></p> <p>3.9 The Northern Ireland Fire Rescue Service has confirmed that it has no objection to the application.</p> <p><u>Health, Safety and Welfare Inspections</u></p> <p>3.10 Officers worked closely with the applicant and event organisers in the lead up to the events held to ensure all documentation and technical requirements were in place.</p> <p>3.11 Additionally, officers were present at each of the events and were satisfied that all safety measures and management procedures were in place.</p> <p><u>Noise Issues</u></p> <p>3.12 The applicant undertook measures regarding the management of noise. We received two noise complaints arising from the Festival on the weekend of 25th and 26th August. One complaint was received by Cllr. McCusker on 5th September for the event on 25th August and one complaint was received by the Council for the event on 26th August. No enforcement action was required.</p> <p><u>Applicant</u></p> <p>3.13 The applicant and/or their representatives will be available at your meeting should you choose to hear from them or have any queries in relation to the application.</p> <p><u>Financial and Resource Implications</u></p> <p>3.14 Officers carry out during performance inspections on premises and outdoor locations providing entertainment which is catered for within existing budgets.</p> <p><u>Equality or Good Relations Implications/Rural Needs Assessment</u></p> <p>3.15 There are no issues associated with this report.</p>
4.0	Documents Attached
	<p>Appendix 1 – Application Form</p> <p>Appendix 2 – Location Map</p> <p>Appendix 3 – Copy of PSNI correspondence</p>