

LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE: 24 September 2019

Report of the Head of Regulatory Services

Application for Summary Review of a Premises Licence

Application No: CCCP00437

Name of Premises: Pengam Moors Social Club, Seawall Road, Tremorfa, Cardiff

Ward: Splott

1. Application

1.1 An application for a Premises Licence – Summary Review, has been received in respect of the Premises Licence held by Mr Brian Robert Barton for Pengam Moors Social Club, Seawall Road, Tremorfa, Cardiff, CF24 5TH

1.2 The Licence Holder is permitted by the licence to provide the following:

(1) In respect of the following licensable activities:

1. The sale by retail of alcohol for consumption on and off the premises.

2. The provision of regulated entertainment in the form of indoor sports, live music (indoors) and recorded music (indoors).

(2) Unless otherwise indicated the premises may be open to the public during the following hours and for any hours consequential to the non-standard timings:

Sunday to Thursday: 10:00 to 00:00

Friday and Saturday: 10:00 to 01:00

Christmas Eve: 10:00 to 02:30

New Year's Eve: 10:00 to 02:30

(3) The premises are permitted to provide licensable activities during the following hours:

1. The sale by retail of alcohol for consumption on and off the premises:

Sunday to Thursday: 10:00 to 23:30

Friday and Saturday: 10:00 to 00:30

Christmas Eve: 10:00 to 02:00

New Year's Eve: 10:00 to 02:00

2. The provision of regulated entertainment in the form of indoor sports and recorded music (indoors):

Monday to Sunday: 10:00 to 23:00

Christmas Eve: 10:00 to 02:00

New Years Eve: 10:00 to 02:00

3. The provision of regulated entertainment in the form of live music (indoors):

Friday and Saturday: 20:00 to 23:30

Sunday: 12:00 to 16:00

Christmas Eve: 10:00 to 02:00

New Year's Eve: 10:00 to 02:00

2. Details of the Application for Review.

2.1 An application for Summary Review, in accordance with Section 53A of the Licensing Act 2003, has been received in respect of Pengam Moors Social Club which holds a Premises Licence permitting the sale of alcohol by retail. The application has been made on behalf of the Chief Constable of South Wales Police and a Certificate has been submitted which has been signed by a police officer of superintendent rank or above. A copy of the application form is attached as *Appendix A*. Brief details are:

The application for Summary Review of the Premises Licence was received from South Wales Police following an incident of serious crime and disorder at the premises on 24th August 2019.

A meeting was held on 30th August 2019 to consider whether or not interim steps should be imposed prior to consideration of the application at the end of the consultation period. At this meeting, the Licensing Sub-Committee suspended the Premises Licence until the full review hearing. Following the meeting, the licence holder appealed the decision of the Committee.

On 3rd September a meeting was held to consider the appeal and whether the interim steps should be withdrawn or modified. After considering the appeal and the evidence available a decision was made to amend the interim steps as follows:

- a) The premises licence will remain suspended until such time as it is confirmed to the satisfaction of South Wales Police that the CCTV system present is compliant Condition 6 of Annex 2 of the Premises Licence and that the arrangements for the immediate production of images on request by trained staff is in place;
- b) No use of the external areas for the consumption of alcohol;
- c) On Friday and Saturday evenings between 8pm and close a minimum of two Security Industry Authority (SIA) registered door supervisors shall be employed. The SIA

door staff will be equipped with metal detection devices approved by South Wales Police.

3. Relevant Representations

The application for review has been advertised on the premises and the Council website as required by legislation.

A number of letters and emails of support for the premises have been received and are attached to the report as *Appendix B*.

4. Legal Considerations.

4.1 Any decision must be taken following consideration of the representations received with a view to promoting the licensing objectives which are:

Prevention of crime and disorder
Public Safety
Prevention of Public Nuisance
Protection of Children from Harm

4.2 In each case the Sub-Committee may make the following determination

- a) To take no action.
- b) To modify the conditions of the licence, by altering, omitting or adding to them, where relevant.
- c) To exclude a licensable activity from the scope of the licence.
- d) Remove the Designated Premises Supervisor.
- e) Suspend the Premises Licence for a period not exceeding three months.
- f) Revoke the Premises Licence.

4.3 All decisions taken by the Sub-Committee must (a) be within the legal powers of the Council and its Committees; (b) comply with any procedural requirement imposed by law; (c) be undertaken in accordance with the procedural requirements imposed by the Council eg. standing orders and financial regulations; (d) be fully and properly informed; (e) be properly motivated; (f) be taken having regard to the Council's fiduciary duty to its taxpayers; and (g) be reasonable and proper in all the circumstances.

5. Recommendation.

It is recommended that the application for Review be considered and determined on its merits.

APPENDIX A

ANNEX C

FORM FOR APPLYING FOR A SUMMARY LICENCE REVIEW

[Insert name and address of relevant licensing authority and its reference number (optional)]

Application for the review of a premises licence under section 53A of the Licensing Act 2003 (premises associated with serious crime or disorder)

PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING INSTRUCTIONS FIRST

Before completing this form please read the guidance notes at the end of the form. If you are completing the form by hand please write legibly in block capitals. In all cases ensure that your answers are inside the boxes and written in black ink. **Use additional sheets if necessary.**

I Police Superintendent E. JONES 3307 [on behalf of] the chief officer of police for the Cardiff police area apply for the review of a premises licence under section 53A of the Licensing Act 2003.

1. Premises details:

Postal address of premises, or if none or not known, ordnance survey map reference or description:

**Pengam Moors Social Club
Seawall Road,
Tremorfa,**

Post town: Cardiff

Post code (if known): **CF24 5TH**

2. Premises licence details:

Name of premises licence holder (if known): Brian BARTON

Number of premises licence holder (if known): CCCP00437

3. Certificate under section 53A(1)(b) of the Licensing Act 2003 [Please read guidance note 1]:

I confirm that a certificate has been given by a senior member of the police force for

the police area above that in his opinion the above premises are associated with serious crime or disorder or both, and the certificate accompanies this application.

(Please tick the box to confirm)

4. Details of association of the above premises with serious crime, serious disorder or both:

[Please read guidance note 2]

On the night of Saturday 24th August 2019 an incident of serious disorder took place at the Pengam Moors social club. As patrons left the premises fighting broke out and one person stabbed another with a knife. The attacker ran away leaving the injured man with lacerations to his liver and heart.

The incident was not reported to the police at that time and the injured man was taken to A and E by his family and friends.

A number of people involved in the incident sought retribution and left the club in a car. They forced their way into a house where they suspected the attacker was and assaulted two people they found in that house. It was only in attending at the house did the police learn of the incident at the club.

Upon attendance at the club Police were unable to obtain downloaded footage from the cctv there.

This is a breach of the premises licence.

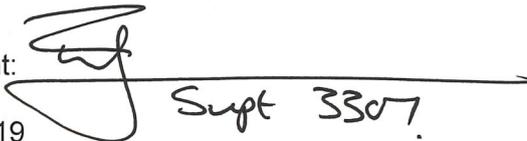
Numerous other breaches of the licence were also discovered.

Examples of these breaches are, no doorstaff were on duty that night, customers were allowed outside with glasses of alcohol in their hands and alcohol was sold to random customers and not limited to club members and their bone fide guests as per the licence conditions.

In October 2018 a person entered the club armed with a baseball bat. He was seeking retribution in relation to another incident. He struck a customer on the head with the bat causing serious injury.

Following that incident a review of the premises licence was sought by the police. At the committee hearing a number of conditions were placed on the licence to prevent such an incident reoccurring. These conditions were not adhered to and on 24th August 2019 and serious violence took place at the premises.

Signature of applicant:



Date: 28th August 2019

Capacity:

Contact details for matters concerning this application:

Address: Police Licensing Department,
Cardiff Bay Police Station,
James Street,

Cardiff
CF10 3EW

Telephone number(s): 02920 633421

Email: Anthony.bowley2@south-wales.pnn.police.uk

Notes for guidance:

1. A certificate of the kind mentioned in the form must accompany the application in order for it to be valid under the terms of the Licensing Act 2003. The certificate must explicitly state the senior officer's opinion that the premises in question are associated with serious crime, serious disorder or both.

Serious crime is defined by reference to section 81 of the Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act 2000. In summary, it means:

- conduct that amounts to one or more criminal offences for which a person who has attained the age of eighteen and has no previous convictions could reasonably be expected to be sentenced to imprisonment for a term of three years or more; or
- conduct that amounts to one or more criminal offences and involves the use of violence, results in substantial financial gain or is conduct by a large number of persons in pursuit of a common purpose.

Serious disorder is not defined in legislation, and so bears its ordinary English meaning.

2. Briefly describe the circumstances giving rise to the opinion that the above premises are associated with serious crime, serious disorder, or both.

APPENDIX B

Barker, Kirstie

From:
Sent: 09 September 2019 16:29
To: Licensing (Licensing Regulatory) / Trwyddedu (Rheoleiddio Trwyddedu)
Subject: Pengam Moors Social Club

I have been a member of this club for 15 years and have also worked there when required..In this time I have found it a safe and comfortable enviroment to be in..This is the same club that pays an active part in the community through sponsored events.They are heavily involved in childrens football with the club being their base.This club is also frequented by people of the older generation who would suffer from a lack of a social hub in this area..Closing at 8pm on weekends puts OUR club under considerable financial strain and urge you to reconsider.

Kind Regards

Barker, Kirstie

From:
Sent: 09 September 2019 16:45
To: Licensing (Licensing Regulatory) / Trwyddedu (Rheoleiddio Trwyddedu)
Subject: Pengam Moors Social Club

To whom it may concern,

I am sending this email in regards to the Pengam Moors Social Club and to divulge my experience with the club whilst I worked there for over 7 years as a former bar tender.

The Club is a hub for such a great community of people, from staff members, to club members, to people who come in off the street... the Club is a place that welcomes people into a family environment. In the 7 years I have worked there, I've never experienced any kind of trouble or felt in danger in any way. More than anything, I have felt safe and loved as a part of a bigger community of people that I consider family.

The Club has gone through amazing changes physically over the last two years to add to the experience you get when working or drinking there. It's a family place, where everyone feels welcome.

The staff who continue to run it now, do an amazing job to always bring the community together. Especially for young children and for the older generation who may feel alone.

To sum up, it's a place vital to the community and I absolutely loved working there and I continue to be a part of their family to this day.

Thank you.

Barker, Kirstie

From:
Sent: 09 September 2019 17:58
To: Licensing (Licensing Regulatory) / Trwyddedu (Rheoleiddio Trwyddedu)
Subject: Pengam moors social club

Dear Sir/Madam,

I would like to say that I think the license rule for our social club is very extreme! The club has a valued group of members that meet regularly to enjoy an evening together.

My partner also likes to socialize during the week with his friends.

The club is one of the last remaining places that we can get together as a group and have a great time.

Closing at 8pm on a Friday and Saturday night means that we can no longer get together locally.

Also, I feel that bouncers in a normally happy, trouble free club are a waste of resources.

Please reconsider and let our club remain open.

Kind Regards

Barker, Kirstie

From:
Sent: 09 September 2019 18:04
To: Licensing (Licensing Regulatory) / Trwyddedu (Rheoleiddio Trwyddedu)
Subject: The Pengam Moors social club

I would like to say that i have been customer in the club for 44 years. It is the only club i use and i take my wife over most Saturdays. We have always felt comfortable in there and all my family love it. It has such a friendly atmosphere. My wife won't go anywhere else now that the club has to close at 8 o'clock. So she is very disappointed with the outcome of the meeting. I also play skittles on a Friday night and now that it has to close early it just upsets everything. Regarding the doormen it is very rare that we have over fifty people in the club and when we do Brian has always had someone on the door. Please can we have our club back to normal. Thank you

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Barker, Kirstie

From:
Sent: 09 September 2019 18:06
To: Licensing (Licensing Regulatory) / Trwyddedu (Rheoleiddio Trwyddedu)
Subject: Pengam Moors Social Club

To Whom it may concern

I have been a member of the Pengam Moors Social club for the last 7 years. The club offers a great place to go and wind down after a long week in work and I look forward to the weekends to be able to attend the club. I am saddened that this has been ruined this last week with the closer and the reduced hours this weekend.

This pub is not my local pub as I live in Splott however I choose to drink here over any of the local pubs in Splott I feel welcomed and safe here as the pub has a great crowd of regulars.

The pub go above and beyond to support the local kids in the community with the support given to the football sides from kids as young as 3 through to teenagers.

There are a lot of good people who use this pub and I look forward to it returning to its former glory.

Kind regards

Barker, Kirstie

From:
Sent: 09 September 2019 18:32
To: Licensing (Licensing Regulatory) / Trwyddedu (Rheoleiddio Trwyddedu)
Subject: Pengam Moors Social Club

To whom ever it concerns

I am e mailing in respect of the Pengam Moor Social Club (The Shed) and the detriment effect it is having on the community by reducing its trading hours on a Friday and Saturday evening. My name is [redacted] and currently in charge of the skittle group that runs from the club. Already the restrictions put in place have caused problems for our skittle side as our home games are on a Friday evening and already we have had to contact other sides and try and rearrange games but then it's whether the players are available to play on a different night. We have played on this night for over fifteen years and it brings all age groups together from grandfathers to dads to sons. It is a fun enjoyable evening from a game that goes back many a year and also brings the community together which I understand is what we are all about and trying to bring all age groups together. Even the government are about creating community spirit and making sure there is enough social activities in communities for all age groups. By closing the Shed at an early time each on a Friday and Saturday will jeopardise what this club is all about and trying to achieve. It will also prevent people like myself who work hard all week the chance to get together with friends on the weekend and enjoy a drink and catch up.

I would also like to add the unnecessary need for door staff to be present on these evenings as the regulars that have been using this club for many a year have caused no issues and just because there has been issues outside the club by a minority who are not regulars at this pub and have slandered the pubs name and caused these issues.

I would also like to add the amazing things the club do for the community starting with the age of three year olds called the pengam patritots going upto teenagers. They are football groups and encourage all age groups to come together encourage team work and fair play. They have been successful at the older age groups and you can see how the boys have become friends, have bonded this is what this club is all about from the tots to the older ones that play skittles to the even older generation who call in for their social pint on a weekend evening.

Putting restrictions in place would jeopardise everything that is trying and is being achieved so please take into consideration all the good things that go on at this club when making your decision about its future.

Regards

Barker, Kirstie

From:
Sent: 09 September 2019 18:38
To: Licensing (Licensing Regulatory) / Trwyddedu (Rheoleiddio Trwyddedu)
Subject: Pengam Moors Social Club

Dear All

I would like to express my concerns over the recent incident that resulted in the closure and change in operating times of Pengam Moors Social Club.

Myself and partner frequently use the social club to spend time with family and friends and have done for the past 17 years. We find the club to be extremely family friendly and a place where we can relax as a family which includes our 2 young children who love to play with others their age. The recent closure has affected our tightly knit community as the club is one of only a few left in the area where children are welcome. Not at any point has myself, partner, children or family ever felt threatened or frightened whilst being on the premises.

The club goes out of its way to help others in the surrounding area by raising money for charities, organising trips and various childrens entertainment throughout the year. The staff are great and I feel that if the club were to close permanently or have operating times restricted it would affect the local community considerably.

Kind Regards

Barker, Kirstie

From:
Sent: 09 September 2019 18:41
To: Licensing (Licensing Regulatory) / Trwyddedu (Rheoleiddio Trwyddedu)
Subject: Pengam moors social club

Dear whom it may concern,

I have recently been told that the Pengam moors Social Club is under threat of closing.

Personally I would be very upset if this happens. I have been a member of the club for a very long time as were my parents and we have never had any trouble from the club.

I enjoy going to the social club through the week as it's close to my home and has a very friendly atmosphere. If it closes there would be no where else for me and the old men to go drinking.

I hope you will take this into consideration

Yours sincerely

Barker, Kirstie

From:
Sent: 09 September 2019 18:43
To: Licensing (Licensing Regulatory) / Trwyddedu (Rheoleiddio Trwyddedu)
Subject: Pengam Moors Social Club

To Whom it may concern

Being a member of the Pengam Moors social club for many years it has been deeply dissapointing this lasts weeks closure and weekends reduced hours. I have made many lifelong friends at the club and taken part in many competitions darts,skittles and pool etc. These events are great opportunities for the young and old to participate and being in my 50s I am lucky to have made friends with a lot of the youngsters and never feel threatened or uncomfortable on any of my nights out.

I run the pengam patritots which is a starter kids football side for age 3 to 5 yrs. The club allows me to use the back room free of charge when the weather is bad. They continue to support the work i do and we currently have 24 kids who are thriving in their football because of the club.

I look forward to the club returning to normal so we can continue to enjoy our socialising with friends and relatives.

Kind regards

Barker, Kirstie

From: Cardiff Taxi Co-operative
Sent: 09 September 2019 20:27
To: Licensing (Licensing Regulatory) / Trwyddedu (Rheoleiddio Trwyddedu)
Subject: Pengam Moors.pdf
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Please see the attached letter ref Pengam Moors Social Club



Cardiff Taxi Co-operative Limited
c/o IndyCube
14 Trade Street Lane
Cardiff
CF10 5LR

9th September 2019

Ref - Pengam Moors Social Club

To whom it may concern,

It has come to our attention that the Pengam Moors Social Clubs license is under threat?

We would like placed on record our support for the Club, its Staff and its Members. Since DRIVE launched back in March the Club has used us as their go to taxi firm for everyone that needs a cab from their premises.

We have received nothing but support from the staff and never had a problem with any of its members on any job we have completed from there.

In fact, in all the calls we have received from the club whether it be the early evening or closing time, our drivers have never witnessed anything untoward and definitely no violence.

Kind regards

Secretary
Drive – Cardiff Taxi Co-operative Limited

DRIVE Cardiff Taxi Co-operative Limited

02920140140
cardifftaxicoop@gmail.com



Barker, Kirstie

From:
Sent: 10 September 2019 23:04
To: Licensing (Licensing Regulatory) / Trwyddedu (Rheoleiddio Trwyddedu)
Subject: Pengam moors social club

To whom this may concern

As a member of the splott / tremorfa community A member of the pengam moors social club and a fellow publican I felt I needed to write to you with my concerns about the limitations and closure of the club or the past few weekends.

Myself and my husband who is also a local club steward have used the pengam moors for more than 25 years whenever we have a day off at weekends we like to spend time away from our own establishments and enjoy time with family and friends.

Since Brian Carly and the other great staff members have been at the club it has really become a community hub, we have had some fantastic days and nights over there at organised events we have always felt welcome and safe.

We feel the way the restrictions that have been put in place are unfair on the members who use the club sometimes daily as part of there routine and not to mention the loss of a earnings for Brian, as an independent pub owner myself I can't imagine what this is doing to him and the staff we would just like to see things back to normal

Yours sincerely

Barker, Kirstie

From:
Sent: 10 September 2019 15:18
To: Licensing (Licensing Regulatory) / Trwyddedu (Rheoleiddio Trwyddedu)
Subject: RE: Pengam Moors Social Club
Attachments: Pengam Moors Social Club Reference.docx

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Please, see the attached reference for your consideration.

Kind regards,



Ref: Pengam Moors Social Club
Date: 10th September 2019

The who it may concern,

My name is _____ and I am part of the committee at Cardiff Crusaders Boys & Girls Football Club. We are a local grassroots football club based in Rumney and St Mellons.

I would just like to express my gratitude to the staff and members at the Pengam Moors Social Club who made our players, coaches and parents from our junior football teams most welcome both last year and earlier this year. The staff were wonderful and went out of their way to provide food, refreshments and entertainment to all members of our club and nothing was too much trouble for them.

I have been involved with grassroots sports clubs for over 20 years and I can honestly say that I have never felt more welcome than I did by everyone involved with the Pengam Moors Social Club. On both occasions; it was a fine example of a community pulling together to welcome in another community. Relationships were built between players, coaches and parents that are still going strong to this day.

It is our intention, as a club, to one day be able to offer a similar experience to both ourselves and visiting clubs. We have learnt from the experience we had at the Pengam Moors Social Club, that it is a valuable asset for progressing both the children's and the club's futures and building lasting relationships with other clubs.

Yours sincerely,
Fixture Secretary
Cardiff Crusaders Boys & Girls Football Club

Barker, Kirstie

From:
Sent: 10 September 2019 21:39
To: Licensing (Licensing Regulatory) / Trwyddedu (Rheoleiddio Trwyddedu)
Subject: Pengam Moors Social Club

To whom it may concern,

I am writing to you in regards to the Pengam Moors Social Club. I have worked there for a number of years and have also used the club to socialise in while not being employed there. I have never felt intimidated there or scared while being in work.

The club is a place that brings the community together. Over the last few years I have seen the club work hard to bring in families by having family friendly events and trying to provide a play area for the children so that the families in the area have somewhere to socialise, while being with their family and friends. Whilst the club was recently closed I personally lost out on my wages which was at a vital time because my children were returning to school so I needed to buy their uniform. If the club closes early every weekend then I will also lose out on money each week as shifts will need to be cut which would then cause me to have financial difficulty. I really hope it will not come to this as it would be a great loss to the community if they did not have it in their area

Manv thanks

Barker, Kirstie

From:
Sent: 10 September 2019 17:18
To: Licensing (Licensing Regulatory) / Trwyddedu (Rheoleiddio Trwyddedu)
Subject: Pengam moors social club

To whom this may concern,

I am writing to you with my sincere concerns about the possible restrictions this establishment is facing. As a community and club member i would just like to say how much this club means to our community and myself. I have attended hundreds of events over the past 10 years and can honestly say the club and its efforts continue to grow each year providing more opportunity for our community to come together and for our youths to grow. From charity fundraisers, coffee mornings, fitness classes and sports teams the Pengam moors social club always remains professional and well organised. With it being closed over the last week and possible closure on weekends i feel this will have a detrimental effect on our community, as not only does this club support its members but the wider community also. I have never felt under threat or unsafe in this establishment, in fact I have always felt the opposite. Warm, welcome and caring the Pengam moors is a family friendly environment which brings together all ages of the community and even those who have no family, always no they have a family within the Pengam moors social club, in turn promoting the communities overall well-being.

I hope this club has the opportunity to continue to flourish as it previously did, prior to these temporary limitations and restrictions that the council has imposed on this establishment.

I hope for a positive resolution on this matter,

Yours sincerely,

Barker, Kirstie

From:
Sent: 10 September 2019 14:01
To: Licensing (Licensing Regulatory) / Trwyddedu (Rheoleiddio Trwyddedu)
Subject: Pelham Moors Social Club

I am a morning/afternoon drinker that doesn't tend to use the club in the twilight hours although I do at the end of the month on a Saturday when they have an artist and do the club draws.

Whilst at the club and in my 20+ years I've never experienced any animosity and can never recall ever feeling in any danger.

The members of the club young and old all have a respectful relationship and get on great.

Kindest regards

Barker, Kirstie

From:
Sent: 10 September 2019 16:49
To: Licensing (Licensing Regulatory) / Trwyddedu (Rheoleiddio Trwyddedu)
Subject: Pengam moors social club

My name is I'm using my son's email address as I do not have one.
I'm a member of the above club, I've been using the club for over 8 years now and as a woman I feel very safe entering on my own and have made many life long friends.

I have enjoyed many nights out over there an partake in the regular race days that are put on for members. I do not feel that the club would benefit from door staff on the weekends as everyone knows everyone and from the younger to the older generation we all get on really well and have a good time.

Yours sincerelv

Barker, Kirstie

From:
Sent: 11 September 2019 06:23
To: Licensing (Licensing Regulatory) / Trwyddedu (Rheoleiddio Trwyddedu)
Subject: Pegam Moors
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To Whom it may concern
Please see attached
Kind Regards

High Importance.

Re-Pengam Moors Social Club Seawall Road Cardiff

Dear Sir/Madam

I have been a member of the above Social club since 1985. I use the club on a regular bases, sometimes during the week but most of all Friday and Saturdays where I regard my time there as my Social wind down after a trying and sometimes changeling weeks work. But now I find myself and my wife in a situation where our Social life has been disrupted with the restricted hours sanctioned at the club. I have spoken too many of the members who are lifelong friends and we feel our friendships are now threatened.

In all my years as a member I have never felt intimidated, threatened, or felt unsafe using the premises and feel relaxed knowing the Staff are doing a great job.

The club and Largely the Staff are promoting the club with their consent ideas of how to use the building to keep the community of Tremofa and Splott together with their support of local sports organisations, children and Pensioners. As you will be aware Health in Sport is paramount for our youth.

I understand the need to keep the public safe but the Pengam Moors historically has no more incidents than many other Clubs, Pubs across our City. In my opinion more places like the Pengam Moors should be encouraged not restricted. If I can be of any assistance please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind Regards

(Chairman of the Prince of Wales Boxing Club, Council Member Welsh Boxing)

From:

Sent:

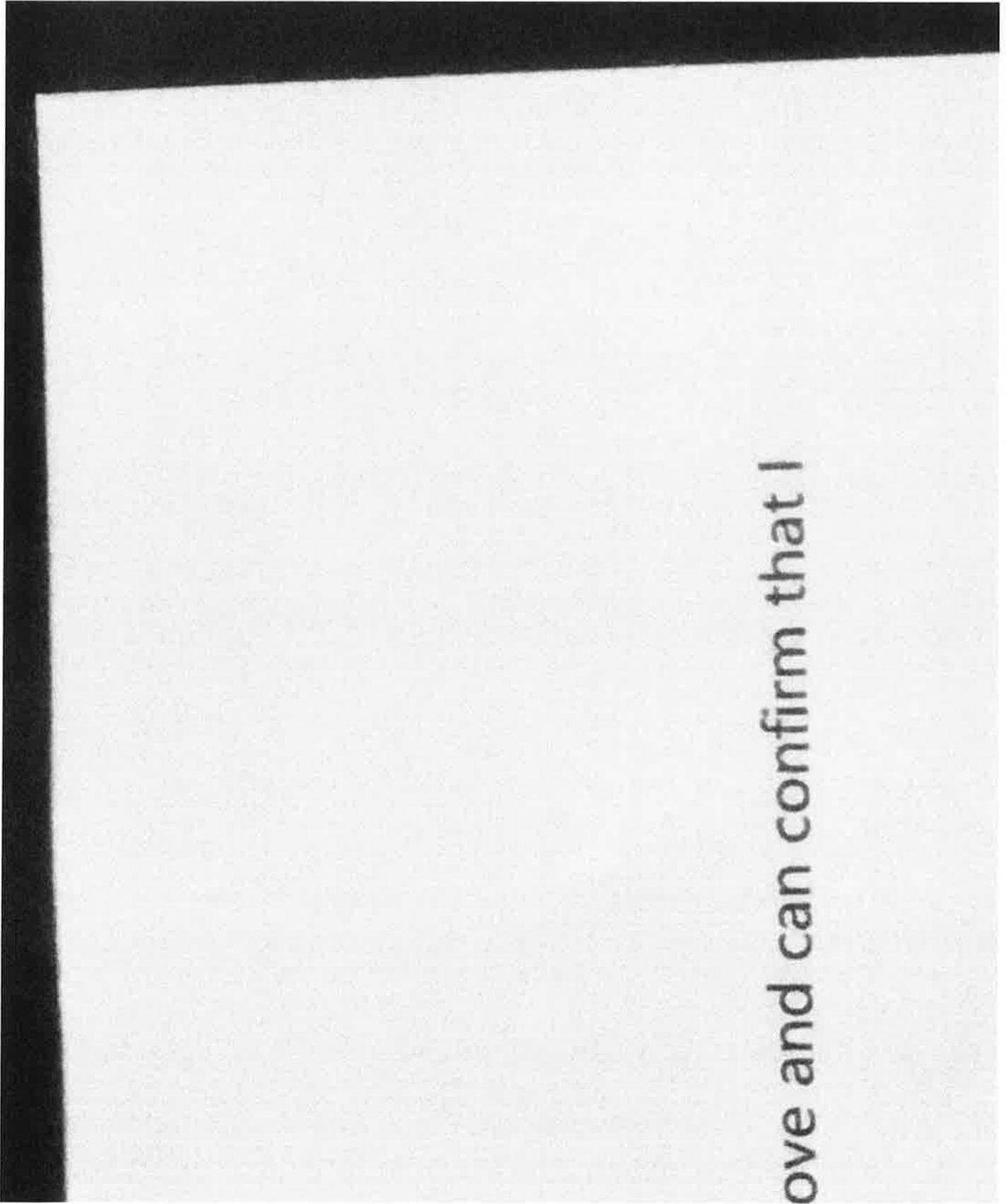
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To:

Licensing (Licensing Regulatory) / Trwyddedu (Rheoleiddio Trwyddedu)

Subject:

Pengam Moors Social Club



ove and can confirm that I

Pengam Moors Social Club

[REDACTED]

I write with regards to the recent premises licence suspension on the above and can confirm that I have owned the premises since 2002.

In all my years I have never known the club to be deemed a dangerous place and feel as though the suspension together with the interim conditions for door staff every weekend are very extreme.

I have every confidence in the management and the staff. As a club they do all they can for the community by being the home of Pengam Patriots FC. A football club which consists of many young people ranging from 3 years right up to 15. They host charity events by way of coffee mornings and fundraisers. They have a skittles side that has been going for over 10 years together with a darts team. They host members nights on the last Saturday of every month by way of repaying them for their support to the club.

The club is focused on its members (approx 200+) and does its very best to keep any outsiders out and trouble to the bare minimum. The staff have worked extremely hard this last year to comply with the amended conditions and have transformed the club into a family friendly environment. They keep outsiders to a minimum by way of being predominantly members only and having any visitors being signed in.

I am aware of the severity of the incident that occurred a few weeks back and understand that the police and licensing have a job to keep the public safe however, believe that the incident could have happened anywhere and is not something that intended to involve the club.

The closure of the club for a week had a huge impact on all of the members. Some of the older generation rely on the club for weekly dominoes which gets them out to socialise with friends, not to mention the members that use the club daily for a wind down drink after a long hard day in work.

It also put 7 members of staff out of work for a week and so was pleased to hear that it had reopened but the interim conditions have caused 1 member of staff to be out of work temporarily and hope that after the final hearing this will be resolved.

Yours sincerely

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Barker, Kirstie

From: .
Sent: 11 September 2019 19:59
To: Licensing (Licensing Regulatory) / Trwyddedu (Rheoleiddio Trwyddedu)
Subject: PENGAM MOORS SOCIAL CLUB

To Whom it may concern,

My name is _____ and I am writing this letter in support of my local club, The Pengam Moors.

The club its patrons and bar staff have been a massive part of my life for the last 15 years. It is a place to enjoy a quiet drink and have a good conversation with good honest people. Never in the last 15 years have I ever felt threatened or scared.

I have attended many events at the club over the years and can honestly say they have been expertly organised and managed , and myself and my family have made memories that will last a lifetime.

In light of recent, tragic events, I feel that the club has been unfairly put in the spotlight. To lose this club would have a massive effect on my community. Not only does the club have a skittles team, but it is also the home of a football team called The Pengam Patriots and also the Patri tots. What would happen to these teams if the club were to close ? All the time and effort the coaches and parents have put into setting these teams up to keep kids of the streets and doing something productive would be lost, and that to me, and this community would be heartbreaking.

Many of the older generation who use this club, do so as they have no other place to go. Many of them are widowers who use the club to socialise and play a few games of dominoes, and catch up with old friends. I would hate to see what would happen if this was taken away from them.

You see if you haven't already guessed it, this is not just a club where people go to drink this is a family. We support encourage and help one another. It is a sanctuary where life stresses and woes, don't matter for a few short hours.

I fully support The Pengam Moors Social Club, and I, as well as members of this fantastic club will do whatever it takes to support the owner in keeping this club open.

Thank you for taking the time to read this.

Yours Sincerely