

LICENSING & GAMBLING ACTS SUB COMMITTEE
16th June 2008

DIRECTORATE OF FINANCE AND CORPORATE SERVICES

REPORT OF THE HEAD OF LEGAL AND DEMOCRATIC SERVICES
-D. MICHAEL

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1.1 Application for Variation of Premises Licence

Ref.No.:	007846	Wards Affected:	Pontardawe
Premises Name:	Kittys		
Premises Address:	6 James Street, Pontardawe, SA8 4LR		
Applicant Name:	Mr Peter William Rees		
Applicant Address:	6 James Street, Pontardawe, SA8 4LR		
DPS Name:	Mr Peter William Rees		
DPS Address:	6 James Street, Pontardawe, SA8 4LR		
Application Date:	22/4/08		

1.2 Current Licence

Opening Hours:

Monday to Wednesday	16.00 - 00.30
Thursday to Saturday	12.00 - 00.30
Sunday	12.00 - 23.00

Supply of Alcohol:

Monday to Saturday	16.00 - 00.00
Sunday	16.00 - 22.45

Live Music:

Monday to Saturday	20.00 - 00.00
Sunday	20.00 - 22.45

Recorded Music:

Monday to Saturday	20.00 - 00.00
Sunday	20.00 - 22.45

Facilities for Making Music - times as above

Facilities for Dance - times as above

Crime & Disorder

1. All glasses used in the premises must be plastic.
2. Ensure free phone link to taxi proprietors is maintained and provide signage within premises advertising this facility and also that patrons should wait inside the premises for the taxi.
3. Signs to be displayed at exits requesting patrons to leave the premises quietly so as not to disturb residents.
4. No glass bottles to be given to customers in premises. All drinks must be decanted into plastic glasses or be in plastic bottles.

5. No open glasses or bottles to be brought into or out of the premises.
6. Ensure regular removal of glasses/bottles from all parts of premises.
7. Ensure proper fire precautions are maintained including alarm tests, staff safety drills and maintenance of fire log book.

Public Nuisance

1. Ensure noise limiter is utilised whenever regulated entertainment is provided.
2. Ensure that the levels set for the noise limiter are in accordance with those specified in the acoustic report. Noise should be inaudible in nearest noise sensitive premises (dwelling).
3. Ensure that regular monitoring is carried out to ensure no nuisance occurs.
4. Ensure that all windows and doors are kept closed whilst regulated entertainment is provided.
5. No regulated entertainment to be provided in the beer garden or any other external areas.
6. The beer garden and any other outside area shall not be used after (22.00hrs) or at any time when regulated entertainment is provided.

Protection of Children from Harm

A documented procedure must be in place to verify the age of persons who appear to be under eighteen years of age to prevent them gaining access to the premises and or purchasing alcohol. The means of verification should be restricted to: -

- 1) Accredited proof of age scheme e.g. Portman Validate
- 2) Photocard driving licence or passport

1.3 Variation Application

The variation requested relates only to the extension of hours in respect of the sale of alcohol and opening hours on Friday, Saturday and Sunday evenings.

Opening Hours

Friday & Saturday 11.00 – 01.30
Sunday 11.00 – 00.15

Supply of Alcohol

Friday & Saturday 11.00 – 01.15
Sunday 11.00 – 00.00

The premises will continue to lock the doors at the current opening hours, however persons already in the premises may remain until the later hours specified above.

Promotion of Licensing Objectives

In addition to the conditions specified above the applicant has provided further steps to promote the licensing objectives.

The prevention of public nuisance

Arrangements for free phone with taxi firm & an additional camera covering main entrance and front of road to let us know when taxis arrive, ensuring there is no need to sound horn or knock door.

The protection of children from harm

No children admitted on the premises

1.4 Relevent Representations

Responsible Authorities

Police – See Appendix 1

Interested Parties

Norma Coombs – 7 Primrose Row, Pontardawe
Susan Roberts – 6 Dynevor Terrace, Pontardawe
Mr & Mrs Thomas – 5 Dynevor Terrace, Pontardawe
Mrs Davies – Pear Tree Cottage, Wesley Terrace, Pontardawe

The above named are residents living in the vicinity of the premises and their representations relate to noise nuisance. Copies of the representations are produced at appendix 2.

1.5 Policy Considerations

Licensing Policy

8.1 Licensed premises, especially those operating late at night and in the early hours of the morning can cause a range of nuisances impacting on people living, working or sleeping in the vicinity of the premises. The Council wishes to maintain and protect the amenity of residents and businesses from potential consequence of the operation of licensed premises. However it also recognises the economic, social, and cultural importance that such premises provide, and will endeavour to ensure that a reasonable balance is maintained.

8.2 The Council will expect operating schedules to demonstrate that suitable and sufficient measures have been identified, and will be implemented and maintained to prevent public nuisance. The extent and nature of these measures will be determined by the style and

characteristics of the premises and events.

Secretary Of State's Guidance

2.33 Public nuisance is given a statutory meaning in many pieces of legislation. It is however not narrowly defined in the 2003 Act and retains its broad common law meaning. It is important to remember that the prevention of public nuisance could therefore include low-level nuisance perhaps affecting a few people living locally as well as major disturbance affecting the whole community. It may also include in appropriate circumstances the reduction of the living and working amenity and environment of interested parties (as defined in the 2003 Act) in the vicinity of licensed premises.

2.34 Conditions relating to noise nuisance will normally concern steps necessary to control the levels of noise emanating from premises. This might be achieved by a simple measure such as ensuring that doors and windows are kept closed after a particular time in the evening to more sophisticated measures like the installation of acoustic curtains or rubber speaker mounts. Any conditions necessary to promote the prevention of public nuisance should be tailored to the style and characteristics of the specific premises. Licensing authorities should be aware of the need to avoid unnecessary or disproportionate measures that could deter events that are valuable to the community, such as live music. Noise limiters, for example, are very expensive to purchase and install and are likely to be a considerable burden for smaller venues.

1.6 Officer Report

The police make representations in respect of public nuisance and crime and disorder. Concerns are raised that the potential for social disturbance will be increased if the application was successful. These concerns are supported by the letters received from members of the public living in the vicinity of the premises. The police also refer to anti social behaviour and instances of violence in the area and note that no security personnel are employed at the premises.

1.7 Recommendation

That members determine the application after hearing all submissions

List of Background Papers

Application to vary a premises licence.

Officer Contact

J Sullivan Licensing Manager
Tel (01639) 763056
email j.sullivan@npt.gov.uk

Wards Affected

Pontardawe

2.1 Application for Variation of Premises Licence

Ref.No.:	007875	Wards Affected:	Glynneath
Premises Name:	Doherty's		
Premises Address:	12 High Street, Glynneath, Neath, SA11 5BR		
Applicant Name:	Janice Jenkins & John Doherty		
Applicant Address:	21 Pentre Street, Glynneath, SA11 5HA		
DPS Name:	Janice Jenkins		
DPS Address:	21 Pentre Street, Glynneath, SA11 5HA		
Application Date:	28/4/08		

2.2 Current Licence

The opening hours of the premises
Monday to Sunday 10:00 00:30

Supply of Alcohol:
Monday to Sunday 10:00 00:00

Films - times as above

Indoor Sports - times as above

Live Music - times as above

Recorded Music - times as above

Performance of Dance - times as above

Activity like Music/Dance - times as above

Facilities for Making Music - times as above

Facilities for Dance - times as above

Facility like Music/Dance - times as above

Late Night Refreshment:
Monday to Sunday 23:00 00:00

Conditions

- The Designated Premises Supervisor, Door Supervisor or nominated

responsible person must ensure that drunk and or disorderly persons are not allowed access or are removed from the premises.

- Disabled persons must be made aware of the arrangements for their evacuation in case of emergency.
- All staff must be trained and aware of the emergency evacuation procedure.
- Ensure that all windows and doors are kept closed whilst amplified music is being played.
- Provide prominent signs throughout the premises and at all exits requesting patrons to leave in a quiet and orderly manner so as to minimise impact on local residents.
- Make appropriate arrangements to avoid noise/disturbance from the disposal of empty bottles.
- A documented procedure must be in place to verify the age of person who appear to be under eighteen years of age to prevent them gaining access to the premises and or purchasing alcohol. The means of verification should be restricted to:-
 - (1) Accredited Proof of Age Scheme's e.g Portman, Validate
 - (2) Photocard driving licence or passport.
- A sign indicating that the admission of children is restricted in accordance with the specified requirements must be conspicuously displayed on or immediately outside the premises in order that it can be viewed prior to entry into the premises.

2.3 Variation Application

The premises is currently only permitted to have live music on the first floor, this application is to allow live music to also be played on the ground floor.

Live Music

Ground Floor

Thursday to Sunday 12.00 – 23.00

2.4 Promotion of Licensing Objectives

In addition to the conditions specified above the applicant has provided further steps to promote the licensing objectives

The prevention of public nuisance

There is triple glazing on the first floor and double glazing on the ground floor.

2.5 Relevant Representations

Responsible Authorities

Environmental Health – See appendix 3

Interested Parties

Alan Williams – 1 Gelli Dawel Road, Glynneath

Richard Howard – 10 High Street, Glynneath

The above named are residents living in the vicinity of the premises and their representations relate to noise nuisance. Copies of the representations are produced at appendix 4.

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2.7 Officer Report

The premises is authorised to play live music on the first floor until midnight and recorded music on the ground floor and first floor until midnight. The application requests that live music be permitted to be played on the ground floor part of the premises Thursday to Sunday until 2300 hours.

The Environmental Health Officer suggests that additional sound insulation will be required to the shared party wall to ensure that entertainment noise is inaudible inside any noise sensitive property.

Two residents living in the vicinity of the premises have raised concerns that if the application was successful, there would be an increase in the noise emanating from the premises.

2.8 Recommendation

That members determine the application after hearing all submissions.

List of Background Papers

Application for a variation of a Premises Licence.

Officer Contact

J Sullivan Licensing Manager

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email j.sullivan@npt.gov.uk

Wards Affected

Glynneath

3.1 Application for a Gaming Machine Permit

Ref.No.:	007798	Wards Affected:	Port Talbot
Premises Name:	Jimmy's Bar		
Premises Address:	33 Station Road, Port Talbot, SA13 1NN		
Applicant Name:	James Gladstone Octavius Hall		
Applicant Address:	59 Tydraw Street, Port Talbot, SA13 1BR		
DPS Name:	James Gladstone Octavius Hall		
DPS Address:	59 Tydraw Street, Port Talbot, SA13 1BR		
Application Date:	15/4/08		

3.2 Permit Application

The premises currently holds a licence under the Licensing Act 2003. Premises that are authorised to sell alcohol for consumption on the premises have an automatic right to provide two or less gaming machines. Premises that wish to provide more than two machines must apply for a gaming machine permit.

3.3 Background Information

The premises is currently authorised to provide two gaming machines and this application is to provide two additional gaming machines. It is proposed that two will be available on the ground floor and two on the first floor.

3.4 Officer Report

The premises have held permits for some time and there is no evidence of any problems experienced with the use of these machines in the premises.

The provision of additional machines in a premises of this size is unlikely to give rise to any significant problems.

No conditions can be attached to any permit issued other than to specify the maximum number of machines.

3.5 Recommendation

Approval subject to number of machines being restricted to four.

List of Background Papers

Application for gaming machine permit.

Officer Contact

J Sullivan Licensing Manager
Tel (01639) 763056
email j.sullivan@npt.gov.uk

Wards Affected

Port Talbot

South Wales Police  **Heddlu De Cymru**

Port Talbot Police Station,
Station Road,
Port Talbot,
"G" BCU.

Friday 25th April 2008.

Mr J M Sullivan,
Principal Licensing Officer,
Neath Port Talbot Council.

Sir,

**RE: Application to vary a premises licence under Section 34 of the
Licensing Act 2003.**

I am in receipt of an application to vary a premises licence for extended hours on the weekend for the below mentioned premises: -

Name: **Kitty O'sheas**
Address: **6 James Street,
Pontardawe,
Swansea.**
Premises Licence No **001631**

As you are aware Mr Peter and Mrs Eileen Rees the premises Licence Holders For Kitty O' Sheas' (The Old Vic) have made an application to the Neath Port Talbot Licensing Office to vary the premises licence for extended hours on weekends namely until 01:15 hours on Friday and Saturdays and midnight on Sundays.

In the proposed variation they state that the doors of the premises will still be closed at 00:30 hours and music will stop at midnight so as not to interfere or cause nuisance to neighbours. The applicants state that arrangements are being made for a Free Phone with local taxi firm and extra camera fitted outside of premises covering main entranceway and front road to let staff know when taxi arrives so the driver will not have to leave the vehicle to knock the door or sound the vehicles horn. That no children will be admitted to premises.

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The applicants appear conscious of the apparent good relationship they have with their neighbours and appear keen to maintain it. They inform me that the reason for the application is that their customers are leaving their premises early (23:30 hours) to take advantage of the 01:00 hours licensing hours at the Pink Geranium. They are keen to point out that they have had a number of temporary Event extensions over weekend periods until 02:30 hours since the new Act came into force in 2005 without problems.

I must inform you that taking into account the above information provided by the applicants that following observations have been made to me by Inspector J Handley, the Sector Inspector for the Pontardawe area. Which, taken into the context of the licensing objectives namely the prevention of crime and disorder, public Safety, the prevention of public nuisance and the protection of children from harm.

The Police wish to make the following representations:

In the recent Partnerships and Communities Together (PACT) meeting in the Pontardawe area. Residents in Pontardawe complained about the noise, nuisance of people urinating in the street and leaving glasses and bottles on their windows.

It would appear the residents of Dynevour Terrace, Pontardawe have a dreadful time with loud music and the anti social behaviour and the extended hours requested in this application it is felt will increase their misery.

It would appear matters are not helped since the beer garden /smoke shed as been introduced which is directly opposite Dynevour Terrace.

There is a concern that with the lighter warmer nights approaching the extended hours will only exacerbate the situation.

It has also just been brought to my attention that there have been instances of violence in the above-referred licensed premises, in a recent fracas a victim was held by two men and punched by a third. This is currently being investigated by local officers.

It would appear the premises do not have any Security personnel.

The Community of Pontardawe has a number of events throughout the summer, notably the Pontardawe Festival. It is envisaged that persons will congregate in the pubs that are open the longest further contributing to the nuisance.

The above information is submitted for your perusal and consideration.

Yours Faithfully

Gareth Jones

Police Constable 2166
Licensing Officer

Tel. 862017

LICENSING SECTION

20 MAY 2008

REFERRED

April Cottage,
7 Primrose Road,
Hplands,
Pontardawe,
Swansea,
SA8 4AE

May 19th 2008

Dear Mr Sullivan,

I wish to object to any pending application for extended license of the 'old Vic' Jumbo street Pontardawe that might arise in the future.

as we already have an on going problem with the noise, this would be unacceptable.

Yours sincerely

Norma Coombs.



5 Dynevor Terrace,
Pontardawe,
Swansea.

6th MAY, 2008.

Dear Mr. Sullivan,

We have been informed that The Old Victoria public house in James Street, Pontardawe is to apply for a 1.a.m. extension to its licence on Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

We strongly object to this application as it will again cause more noise and disturbance to the residents of the terrace and surrounding areas.

Yours faithfully,

M. R. Thomas. M. R. Thomas

Malcolm and Margaret Thomas

Copy to: Inspector Jeff Handley, Pontardawe.
P. C. Gareth Jones

Pear tree Cottage
Uplands
Pontardawe
Swansea.

30th April 2008.

Clerk of licensing Officer
Neath Port Talbot
Swansea.
Dear Sir,



Re: Extension of licensing hours for Old Vic Public house Pontardawe.

I wish to object to the application being made by the Licensee of the Old Vic Public House Pontardawe to extend their licensing hours to 01:00am.

I along with other residents have had cause to complain about the noise being generated from this establishment for a considerable time. In spite of several meetings with the landlord over recent years we have had very little response to help alleviate the matter. An extension to the licensing hours will only compound this issue leading to further noise, loud music and unruly behaviour.

Hoping you will consider this objection favourably.

Yours faithfully,

J. m Davies

Mrs. J. Davies.

18 MAY 2008
REFERRED TO:-

6 Dynevor Terrace,
Pontardawe,
SWANSEA.

1st May 2008.

Mr. Jim Sullivan,
Principal Licensing Officer,
Neath & Port Talbot Borough Council
Neath.

Dear Mr. Sullivan,

I would hear by like to register my objections to any impending Applications of extending music/alcohol hours to Mr. Peter Rees Of The Old Victoria public house, James Street, Pontardawe.

My reasons for objecting are as previously registered with Your self several times in the past,

NOISE, both music and patrons of the said establishment Late at night (Friday, Saturday, Sunday)

The hours which were granted in July 2005 stipulated That all doors and windows should be closed at all times while music was Being played, this has not been adhered to.

I live opposite the public house and would welcome you to Come along unannounced at opening times and see and hear what residents Have to put up with,

Yours faithfully,

S. Roberts

Susan V. B. Roberts (Mrs).

COPY TO

INSPECTOR JEFF HANDKEY, PONTARDAWE.

P.C. GARETH JONES, LICENSING OFFICER



Tony John From **Oddi wrth**
Tel **Ffôn**
01639 685630 Date **Dyddiad**
13/05/2008 Your Ref **Eich Cyf**
Our Ref **Ein Cyf**

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LICENSING SECTION

14 MAY 2008

REFERRED TO:-

JS

Memorandum **Memorandwm**

To At

TO: Licensing Section FAO Jim Sullivan

SUBJECT: Licensing Application received for a Variation at Doherty's, High Street, Glynneath.

I have the following comments to make relating to the application listed –

1. Live entertainment has been held on the ground floor of Doherty's for the past few months and consequently I have received several noise complaints from the occupier of the property next door which partly shares the party wall with the ground floor of the club.
2. It is my opinion that the shared party wall will require additional sound insulation to achieve the recommended target recommended by the Institute of Acoustics document entitled The Control of Noise from Pubs and Clubs. The target recommended for regular entertainment is that the entertainment noise shall be inaudible inside any noise sensitive property.
3. I recommend that the applicant engages a suitably qualified acoustic engineer to specify the works necessary to comply with the above recommendation and that live music shall not be held on the ground floor until such time as the necessary works are completed to the satisfaction of the acoustic engineer.

Tony John
Environmental Health Officer

①
LICENSING SECTION 1/5/08
1 GELLI DANIEL ROAD
GLYNNNEATH
WEST GLAFF.
S.W SAILSDN

DEAR SIR,

I REFFER TO
THE APPLICATION FROM
THE DOHERTYS CLUB,
12 HIGH STREET
GLYNNNEATH. SAIL-554.
AS I UNDERSTAND IT,
IT IS TO PLAY LIVE
MUSIC FROM DOWNSTAIRS
IN THE FORMER SNOOKER
ROOM AT THIS CLUB,
THE FOLLOWING POINTS
I WOULD LIKE YOU TO
CONSIDER TO THIS APPLICATION

① THE NOISE COMING FROM
THE LIVE MUSIC DOWNSTAIRS
CAN BE HEARD QUITE -
PLAIN INSIDE MY HOME

PTOY

(2) MY GARDEN AND THE LANE. IS ALWAYS USED AS A TOILET AND BOTTLES CANS. CHIP PACKETS ARE THROWN FROM THIS CLUB. BY YOUNGESTERS ATTENDING THESE LIVE BAND NIGHTS. INDEED, I HAVE CAUGHT THREE WITH TROUSERS DOWN OUTSIDE MY BACK DOOR THE REASON BEING THE ONLY TOILETS ARE UPSTAIRS.

(3) OUTSIDE THIS CLUBS YARD. THERE IS A STRUCTURE FOR STOKERS, I CANNOT STOP THESE KIDS FROM GATHERING WITHIN THIS SHED WHO ARE USING VILE LANGUAGE, AFTER ASKING ON FOUR OCCASSIONS I WAS ANSWERED WITH VILE LANGUAGE AND TOLD WHERE TO GO, ALSO WE PUT UP WITH FOOTBALL BEING

③ PLAYED IN THE STREET WITH SWERING, SHOUTING, AND MAKING GENERAL NOISE. AS MY WIFE AND I ARE IN POOR HEALTH AND BYES AGE WE BOTH SUFFER FROM DIABETES AS WELL, WE ARE NOT BEING, AS YOU SEE FIT. SO I ASK FOR THE FOLLOWING TO BE CONSIDERED,

① SOUND PROOFING FROM INSIDE LIVE MUSIC ROOM.

② A TOILET DOWNSTAIRS,

③ A SOUND LIMITER SYSTEM,

④ A LARGE RUBBISH BIN IN THEIR YARD TO STOP MESS IN THE SURROUNDING AREA INCLUDING MY GARDEN,

YOURS

AHAN WILLIAMS

Alan Williams,

PS EXCUSE WRITING ATARITIS IN HANDS.

19/5/08

LICENSING SECTION

DEAR SIR

20 MAY 2008

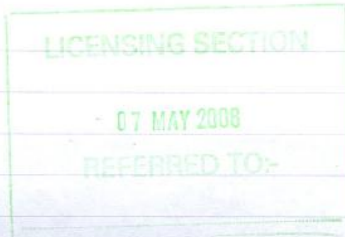
THIS IS TO
CONFIRM THAT I,
ALAN WILLIAMS WAS
OUTSIDE DOHERTYS
CLUB AND WITNESSED
ALL DOWNSTAIRS -
WINDOWS OPEN,
AND LIVE MUSIC FROM
THEIR DOWNSTAIRS -
ROOM, WHICH WAS
VERY, VERY LOUD.

DATE WAS 17/5/08

Alan Williams

1 GELLI DAWEL ROAD
GLYNNEATH.

LICENSING SECTION
Neath/P.T./C.B.C.



10 High St
GWYNNEATH
SA11 5BR
Tel 01639 721 793

Dear Sir/Madam

I wish to lodge an objection to the application by Doherty's Club, 12 High St Gwynneath for a variation of their licensing laws. I understand this variation means that permission is being sought to play music from the ground floor room, which was until recently a Snooker Room.

On the first night the club employed a live band, I approached a representative of the club and requested the noise be turned down. My request was refused and I made a complaint to the Council's Environmental Office.

It was discovered the club's license did not cover the play of music in that room. I find it irresponsible the licensees were not aware of the conditions of their license.

Our premises adjoin and the music is so loud we are unable to use our living room. It can be heard in our front room, bedrooms and side entrance.

My wife is barely five years of age and is recovering from a stroke. She has angina and high blood pressure and finds the noise upsetting and interfering with her health.

I am eighty two. I have had quadruple bypass cardiac surgery, surgery on my spine and am disabled from severe spinal degeneration. I also have high blood pressure, diabetes and several other health problems.

Three years ago the club underwent a refurbishment. There were initial problems with noise, but under the auspices of Mr John, Noise Abatement Officer meetings were held in my house between the club's representative and myself and a satisfactory conclusion was reached. Since that time

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I have had no cause to complain to the Council.

The Club already has a permitted music room, on the upper floor. I see no reason for a variation to the existing licence.

However, should the Authority decide otherwise I would respectfully request the follow conditions be considered.

- ① The installation of adequate sound proofing.
- ② The level of the music be kept to the legal level.
- ③ A time limit be set (I would suggest 11pm)
- ④ All windows, doors and fanlights be closed when the music is being played.
- ⑤ The door opening onto the High St be used for emergency purposes only.

(I ask this because since the introduction of live bands, groups of young people are gathering on the pavement outside the Club and my house, causing a nuisance in my side entrance. I would add that young people are gathering in the smoking area at the rear of the Club. They are rowdy, throwing bottles, beer cans, trays of half eaten pies, chicken chips and dumplings into the back line. Smokers are also throwing cigarette ends over the wall and the area (including my back garden) reeks of cigarette smoke.

- ⑥ I would suggest the bands are positioned away from the side adjoining my premises.
- ⑦ A vent position on the Club by my side entrance be blocked off.

I am unable to visit your offices to view a copy of the application and would appreciate a copy be sent to me.

Yours Sincerely
Richard A. Howard

cc. Mr John Noise abatement officer.

Sarah Bantle
Licensing Officer
Neath/Port Talbot Council.

10 High St
GLYNNEATH
SA11 5BR
TEL 01639 721 793
19/5/08

LICENSING SECTION

20 MAY 2008

REFERRED TO:

Dear Madam

I am writing to you again about the music being played in the downstairs room of Doherty Club 12 High St Glynneath SA11 5BR.

A fortnight ago you contacted the Club to inform them that they did not have permission to play ^{music} in that room. I understand they gave you assurances that this would not happen until a decision had been made by the forthcoming meeting for the Club's application for a variation in their Licensing Laws.

On Saturday night 17/5/08 they again had a live band playing in the downstairs room. When I went to investigate I was approached by the youngest son of the Doherty who accused me of building the extension on my house without permission. He threatened to take me to court. I found this intimidating and frightening. On his return to the club the music was turned up.

Shortly after my wife and I heard someone trying to get in the side entrance. This was repeated several times and my wife became very frightened and upset. She had an Angina attack and went out to the gate to discover Mr Doherty Senior rattling the gate. He was intoxicated and I asked him to go and leave us alone. I could understand a word he was saying but he did make certain taunting gesture to me. Again when he returned to the club the volume of the music was turned up.

I phoned the 24 hours service but was told no one could come out but my complaint would

be recorded and forwarded to the relevant departments

I also phoned the police but was told it did not concern them

I am very surprised that Club can have a complete disregard for the terms of their Licensing Law and shall be bringing their action up at the meeting regarding their application.

I enclose a letter of confirmation from Mr. A Williams 1 Gelli Dawel Road GLYNNEAT which confirms the music was coming from the downstairs room of the Club.

Yours Sincerely
Richard Howard

Coming Events at the Club