

TOWN COUNCIL

DATE: 4 March 2020

REPORT OF: EVENTS, PROJECTS, AND TOURISM OFFICER

SUBJECT: PREMISES LICENCE FOR THE LAWN

PART I

RECOMMENDATION

That the Town Council note the report and approve that an application is made for a premises licence for the Lawn.

1. BACKGROUND

When events are held on the Lawn and there is the selling of alcohol (i.e. stalls selling beer or wine gift packs or serving Pimms at the Wimbledon event) or where there is regulated entertainment - live music is the main part of an event (band with an audience), there needs to be a licence from Teignbridge District Council for the event. All events having these activities on the Lawn apply for a Temporary Event Notice (TENS) whether they are run by the Town Council or not.

There are restrictions on the number of TENS an individual can apply for and a total of 21 are granted on the Lawn in an annual period. All TENS are applied for in the name of an individual. Each TENS costs £21 each time an application is made – if it is rejected no refund of the fee is made.

2. TOWN COUNCIL EVENTS AND THE NEED FOR A PREMISES LICENCE

In September 2019 a TENS licence was applied for, for the Dawlish Celebrates Christmas weekend and lights switch on for two days. It was refused as the Lawn had already had too many TENS licences applied for and only one day was available to be licensed through the TENS scheme. Another application then had to be made for the one day of the weekend for the Lawn and a separate TENS applied for to cover the Strand market (as this area was well below the TENS limit). After discussions with licensing and resorts of TDC, it was agreed the music for the second day of the Christmas event could come

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under Teignbridge's Premises Licence for the Lawn. Resorts staff suggested that going forward a better solution would be for the Town Council to have a premises licence for its events on the Lawn.

The Officer has met with the Head of Licensing and the Resorts Manager to discuss the situation. To apply for a premises licence which covers both alcohol and music there would need to be a designated premises supervisor. (It could not be the current management sub-committee – the Manor House and Riverside Committee, as the dispensation is on the Manor House licence – as it needs to be an individual.) Before submitting the application, the officer would discuss the potential licence with relevant police officer and the Environmental Health Officer.

Applying for a premises licence would be allowed even though a PSPO is on the Lawn as families can still bring alcoholic drinks onto the Lawn as part of a picnic, as the order gives the Police the powers to remove alcohol should the person consuming it be causing a public nuisance. The premises licence would simply replace the need for TENS for Town Council events on the Lawn.

3. COSTS AND BENEFITS

The one-day course for an individual to be able to hold a personal licence (to then be able to apply for a premises licence) is £120-170 and the cost of a personal licence is then £37. This would allow the person to then be the designated premises supervisor on the premise licence application for the Lawn. The premises licence application would cost £100, with an advert in the local paper (£70 approx.) and then £70 for the license annually if granted. The cost totals approx. £370 for the first year and then £70 thereafter.

Once the licence was obtained there would be no need to apply for TENS activities for Town Council events on the Lawn and there would be latitude in the hours which could be covered within the hours applied for in the licence. If at short notice the Town Council wanted live music at an event a TENS notice would not need to be applied for and potentially refused. In addition, the use of a premises licence, if granted, would reduce the Town's Councils application for, and use of TENS. This would potentially allow other organisations the ability to apply for the remaining TENS.

4. RECOMMENDATION

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