

Moira Fraser

Subject: FW: Burghfield Common Recreation Ground

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From: MARTIN KELLAWAY <[REDACTED]>

To: "Townsend, Glyn" <[REDACTED]>

Cc: Gareth Green <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Thursday, 8 September 2016, 10:09

Subject: Re: Burghfest

Dear Glyn,

Thank you for your email. Set out below my replies in italics.

We were granted a Temporary Event Licence (TENs) for Burghfest after extensive work and conditions with both the Parish Council and West Berkshire, the event will proceed under this cover and we are looking forward to what promises to be a great community event, helping to raise much needed funds for the charity

As I said in my objection, I have no issue in principle with a two day beer festival once a year. A TENs license is ideal for this type of event.

Why 3 events per year?

This was actually because of costs of application, and effort vs the TENs licence and because applying for a TENs where a Premises licence exists is actually more complicated, so we have given ourselves some flexibility. What you can take as a commitment now is that we have no intention of running more than one beer festival a year. It is also true to say we are unable to run any event without Parish Council Approval.

What could the other events be?

Examples we have mooted, but not agreed or planned could include a Winter Ball, or a Summer ball on a Sat night, or even a Sat night and Sunday Night disco type event on a bank holiday.

The Premises says maximum of a 2 day event, and no more than 3 a year, this does not mean we will use them, or plan to, or even that it may not be 2 more evening events. You can certainly register any objections to further events with the Parish Council and we can agree to include you in any consultation.

Noted. But if you only have the firm intention of holding one event a year, I really can't see why you need to ask for three events. I said in my objection that I feel the Rec is not suited to frequent (i.e. 3 a year) events. It is too close to residential accommodation and unnecessarily fetters the right of residents to full access.

Why did we apply for a Premises Licence anyway?

A Premises licence means we can cast a wider 'net' around the area to be defined as the premise. Under a Premises licence, everything being run will fall within the 'Premise' in that

- Teenagers can't fill 2l bottles of pepsi with Vodka and drink them
- Large picnics will not be brought with cans and bottles that can be left behind, or broken
- We can ensure only those age verified are drinking anywhere in the park
- We can clear the entire recreation ground at 'closing' hours (and a suitable drinking up time before those)
- Unsociable behavior can be met with a stronger response, people can be ejected from the entire recreation ground
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I note the differences here and in particular the fact that defining the whole area as a premises could give you some greater control. But would reiterate that I support only one event a year not three.

Why not just stick to the TENs like any other event?

A TENs licence would limit us to 499 people in the 'premise' area, in this case we defined the premise as the beer/music tent. It does not limit how many people we can sell alcohol to, nor how many people can attend the recreation ground as people can leave the tent to walk the recreation ground with their drink. This would have the following negative implications: *[not sure these are all negative implications]*

- We would need to 'co-locate' the bar and the band tent, as they both fall under licensable activity. This would force the families into the same area as the beer tent *I really can't see any issue here. I attended the Reading Beer Festival in Kings Meadow with my family for many years on this basis.*
- We would need to have people dedicated to 'head counting' or provide a fenced off area and control entry/exit to the beer tent. *Another good thing and exactly the one I made in my objection.*
- We would have no control from a licence stand-point outside of the 'premise' area, we would not be able to control: *But you won't have this outside of the Rec ground under the basis proposed. All you would do is push this into surrounding residential areas. I think you are worried about something that is unlikely to happen given that this should be a once a year only event.*
- people bringing their own drink, cans, bottles etc into the park
- people/youth drinking from 'unmarked' bottles – for example teenagers obviously drinking pre-mixed alcohol from bottles would not be within our powers
- the ability to enforce a bar close/drinking up time
- would be unable to eject people from the public space without police assistance
- people bringing their own cans, bottles and food will increase the litter to be cleared up by the volunteers

Burghfest will proceed as planned with our TENs licence, but the organisers had hoped to provide more control and fun, and allow two spaces - one for drink, and one for music that all people in the park could enjoy without screening them off and freedom of movement between the two. Access to the consumption and sale of alcohol will be controlled through wrist bands – only people wearing wristbands will be able to consume alcohol, under a premises licence we can control the entire recreation ground in this manner, with the police under a statutory obligation to assist enforcement as needed. *I don't agree with your thinking here. The event needs to be in one place, with controlled access in part of the Rec only.*

Other items you may be interested to know:

Insurance

We are fully insured by Thames Valley and Chiltern Air Ambulance, and all of the vendors at the event have also provided their liability insurance certificates. These are part of the agreement in place with the Parish Council, and the requirements laid down before approval was granted. *Noted.*

Parking

We are planning to have parking available 'off site' this is not being advertised ahead of the time to reduce the likelihood of trespass to the site. Access has been negotiated, some site prep work is required
All posters and tickets state parking is limited to encourage people not to drive
The parking at the recreation ground will be reserved for disabled parking
The primary reason for selecting the Recreation Ground in the common, was to reduce the amount of driving required. Good bus routes are available, and the event is being run for those of the village, it is not being advertised by the Burghfest team outside of the village area. *Noted.*

Waste/Litter

Air Ambulance volunteers and the Burghfest team will be clearing litter during the events on a rota basis, in addition on the Sunday morning a team of volunteers will complete a full litter sweep of the immediate area
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Soft drinks and food containers - There is likely to be coffee cups, cans and plastic bottles, and food containers from other concessions on site. It is envisaged that the recycling bins will be used, but the marshals and litter patrols will continue to tidy during the event. *Noted.*

Toilet facilities

Toilet facilities will be provided in two locations at the recreation ground. The lack of toilet facilities resulting in teenagers currently urinating in the park of an evening will not be compounded by this festival, as toilets are provided and, subject to a premises licence, the entire recreation ground would be under the licence control
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Toilets will be inspected during the event, and a full service on Saturday morning and cleaning throughout the event. *Noted.*

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The event is not a night club – beer festivals are not associated with drunken binges – there is no lager or spirits on offer. The intention is to provide a family friendly atmosphere. To this end there will be activities for children and families, but children are to remain the responsibility of the parents at all times. The event will be well advertised, and known to be taking place, particularly sensitive children and parents will have opportunity not to attend the recreation ground during the event. *Noted.*

Crime and Disorder

There have been a spate of issues at the recreation ground in recent weeks, but this crime and nuisance is not related to, or caused by Burghfest. *Not surprising given that it hasn't happened yet!*

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Under a Premises licence we would have much more flexibility to respond to nuisance behaviour than under a TENS. *See above.*

I really hope this helps with your concerns, and whilst I do appreciate that this event will have some impact because of your proximity, that you will feel able to join in and take part in this event in support of such an amazing cause. *See my first comment above.*

I honestly feel the event will be better and more successful under a premises licence, but understand that you may want to retain your objection to the event as a premises licence. I would, however, be grateful if you would consider withdrawing your formal objection, and instead working directly with me to mitigate the issues you have to make this the best event it can be for the whole community

I cannot agree with your conclusions here. A TENS licence is ideal for this type of arrangement. I know the Burghfield Santas do good work for the Air Ambulance and that the Burghfest will help this cause and as I said in my first comment, I support a once a year two day event. I cannot support a three events a year at this site and a full Licence application is unworkable in any event.


I hope the Burghfest goes well. But I cannot support a Licence application for three events a year. Once a year under a TENS licence is appropriate.

Regards

Martin Kellaway

From: "Townsend, Glyn"

To: "martinkellaway"

Cc: Gareth Green < >

Sent: Wednesday, 7 September 2016, 16:45

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Dear Martin

I am following up on the objection you have raised to the granting of the Premises licence for the event on the 23rd and 24th September, and hope to alleviate your concerns

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