

**Medway Council**  
**LICENSING AND SAFETY COMMITTEE**  
**19 JULY 2002**  
**Held at the Municipal Buildings, Gillingham**

**2.30pm to 5.30pm**

**RECORD OF THE MEETING**

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**PRESENT:**

**Committee members:** Councillors Richard Andrews, Mrs Diane Chambers (chairman), Mrs Haydock and Luckhurst.

**Substitutes:** Councillor Juby for Councillor Madhu Ruparel  
Councillor Munton for Councillor Davis.

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**4504 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Davis and Harriott and Madhu Ruparel.

**4505 RECORD OF THE MEETING**

The record of the meeting held on 21 June 2002 was signed by the chairman as correct.

**ITEM DEALT WITH UNDER DELEGATED POWERS**

**4506 APPLICATION FOR RENEWAL OF PUBLIC ENTERTAINMENT LICENCE, ROYAL FUNCTION ROOMS, 12 STAR HILL, ROCHESTER**

**Discussion:**

A report was presented by the licensing co-ordinator which gave details of an application for the renewal of an existing public entertainment licence in respect of the Royal Function Rooms, 12 Star Hill, Rochester.

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The premises had held a public entertainment licence since November 1999. The council had previously renewed the licence annually. In February 2002 the council began to receive complaints from residents regarding excessive music noise from the premises and late night disturbance on dispersal. The complaints were then investigated and the results of the investigations were set out in the report.

The committee was requested to balance the impact of the operating hours of the Royal Function Rooms upon local residents against the business needs of the licensee.

The Committee heard evidence that:

- there was an increase in the number of residential units in the vicinity of the Royal Function Rooms resulting in a change in the character of the area;
- there had been a substantial change made in the use of the Royal Function Rooms by the applicant which, by its nature, inevitably generated unacceptably high levels of noise over a long duration which would affect local residents.

### **Decision:**

- (a) That the application is refused for the following reasons:
  - (i) noise from the premises is causing unacceptable discomfort to neighbours;
  - (ii) there is no realistic or reasonable proposal put forward to address the problems with a view to resolving their impact.
- (b) That a letter giving details of the Committee's decision is sent to the appellant within 10 days of the meeting.

**Chairman**

**Date**