

DMI Community Centre



Dear Sir/Madam,

22nd July 2019

Alcohol Licence Application Mini Creations Studio - Lauren Tordoff
Denholme Mechanics Institute BD13 4BL

I am chair of trustees of the DMI Community Centre and we have a 5 year rental agreement with Lauren Tordoff for her to use our Main Hall upstairs at the Mechanic's Institute.

We were aware that she had applied for an Alcohol Licence for use on our premises and fully supported her application but understand that there have now been some objections raised.

Although Lauren has not been operating her business with a bar for very long we have never received any complaints from residents' about her activities. As we run the building for the benefit of the community, had there been any serious problems we believe that we would have been approached to address and resolve them. We are also not aware that the police or any other authority have been called to any incidents. The police did recently attend a totally unrelated incident concerning a break in at the premises.

As part of this application I was contacted by the Police Officer attached to the licencing authority to discuss some complaints you had received. These related to selling alcohol without a relevant licence and selling to underage persons. We later discussed this with Lauren and she stated categorically that it was untrue. Also on the first occasion that the youths were at the venue one of our Trustees was there and has said that he did not see any youths drinking alcohol. The Officer was also concerned that because the area was used for activities for younger people the alcohol should be out of sight when they are in attendance. He also asked if our CCTV covered the bar area and I advised him that unfortunately it did not. I understood that the Officer was also going to speak directly to Lauren about these matters and would be suggesting possible solutions to them. If there is anything you specifically require us to do regarding these complaints we would be glad to assist.

We also believe that there are many people in the village who support this development of her business. On that basis and our experience of dealing with her during the past 12 months we are not aware of any evidence that she is unfit to hold and manage a licence and would therefore like to reaffirm our support for her application.

Obviously we are not privy to any evidence attached to the objections but hope and believe that they will be proven to be totally unsubstantiated.

Yours Sincerely

- Chair DMI Community Centre

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