

Community, Leisure and Recreation

Date:	2 April 2019
Title:	Music in the Park 2020
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Purpose of the Report

1. To provide background on various requests from Music in the Park (MitP), via Cllr Stiles, External Organisation representative for Music in the Park.

Background to the Requests

2. Arrangements for Music in the Park on 5 May 2019 are progressing well.
3. The set-up of stages and marquees is a significant cost for MitP and the MitP Committee have an aspiration for their greater use by the community. The MitP Committee therefore asks if the Town Council will allow in principle the use of Elms Park on the Monday after MitP by any community groups interested in running an event using the stages and marquees, from 2020 onwards
4. As it will be the 10th Anniversary of MitP in 2020, the MitP Committee asks if the Town Council will allow in principle the playing of music to continue until 10pm (as opposed to the normal 9pm) for 2020 only, as a one-off to celebrate MitP's 10th anniversary.
5. Cllr Stiles, the External Organisation representative for Music in the Park, is unfortunately unable to extend her usual support to this year's event. She therefore asks if there is any other volunteer who can take her place, from 2/4/19, up to and including the event on 5/5/19 until permanent replacement at the Annual Meeting of the Council on 14/5/19.

Commentary on the Requests

6. The MitP Committee has become self-sufficient, improving operational tasks by paying for contractors to set up the main event infrastructure (stages & marquees) on Saturday, to use on the Sunday and remove off site on the Monday. Overnight security is in place during this time which has helped to prevent any disturbances to the Park's residential neighbours.
7. The MitP Premises Licence is held in the name of the Town Council with all responsibilities passed onto the MitP Committee, who pay the annual fee and ensure all the licence requirements are upheld. The Premises Licence would need to go through a full amendment process to allow the extra hour of music in 2020, and then be amended back to as now. It should be noted that the current Premises Licence allows 30 minutes of slippage.
8. The Premises Licence only covers one Sunday a year, so as well as being extended on a once-off basis to handle the 10th Anniversary, may also require amending for any community event on the following Bank Holiday Monday (otherwise any event would be limited in numbers to 499). Advice has been received that any event on the Bank Holiday Monday must be fully closed by 8pm.
9. If the Premises Licence is amended, the opportunity would be taken to update various minor aspects that have altered over the years.
10. Any additional event on the Bank Holiday Monday would also be subject to the Town Council policy - Holding an Event on Town Council Land.

Resource Appraisal

11. As the Premises Licence is in the name of the Town Council, there will need to be time spent by Officers to ensure that amendments are executed in an acceptable way.
12. All fees associated with amending the Premises Licence for the 10th Anniversary will be funded by MitP.
13. All costs associated with any additional event on the Bank Holiday Monday (which may include various licencing aspects) would be borne by the event organiser.

Risk Assessment

14. There is no change to the existing risk associated with events held on Town Council Land.

Legal Powers: Local Government Act 1972, section 145

Recommendation:

It is recommended:

- i) To approve in principle, as a one off for the 2020 event, to extend the Premises Licence for MitP to play live music and recorded music until 10pm.*
- ii) To approve in principle, that the MitP Committee explore the use of Elms Park on the Bank Holiday Monday after MitP by community groups interested in running an event from 2020 onwards subject to the Town Council policy - Holding an Event on Town Council Land.*
- iii) To seek a temporary volunteer to take over from Cllr Stiles, until permanent replacement at the Annual Meeting of the Council on 14 May 2019.*