
**APPLICATION FOR WAIVER OF PUBLIC
ENTERTAINMENT LICENCE FEES - BARN DANCE,
NEW HALL FARM, LAMBOURNE HALL ROAD,
CANEWDON.**

1 SUMMARY

- 1.1 This report invites Members to determine an application for the waiver of Public Entertainment Licence fees relating to a barn dance being organised by Canewdon Community Association. The event is due to take place on Friday 8th June 2001 at New Hall Farm, Lambourne Hall Road, Canewdon.
- 1.2 Indoor entertainment consisting of public dancing and/or music requires a Public Entertainment Licence, issued by the Local Authority under the provisions of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1982, Schedule 1.
- 1.3 The Act also gives the Local Authority discretion to waive all or part of the fee that would be payable for the grant of a Public Entertainment Licence where it is satisfied that the entertainment is:
 - a) of an educational or other like character; **or**
 - b) is given for a charitable or other like purpose.

2 INTRODUCTION

- 2.1 Members previously decided "that in view of the small number involved, all applications for fee waivers be considered on their merits, on the basis that a decision making time frame of at least three months is available to the Council" (Minute 111/97).
- 2.2 An application for a waiver of Public Entertainment Licence fees, dated 7th February 2001, has been received from Mrs S. M. Webster, Chairman, Canewdon Community Association (see Appendix 1).
- 2.3 The Community Association applied for a fee waiver for a barn dance held at the same venue, in June 2000. Members granted a waiver of 80% of the fees due (Minute 319/00).

3 FEE WAIVER APPLICATION

- 3.1 The application states that the objective of the barn dance is to provide a pleasurable event, to raise funds for the maintenance of the Village Hall and to keep hiring charges low.
- 3.2 The Community Association is a Registered Charity (No 1076685).
- 3.3 The application procedure requires applicants to submit a statement of their latest audited accounts. A copy of the audited accounts for the year ending 31st March 2000 is attached in Appendix 2.
- 3.4 The application states that the Community Association is not currently grant funded by Rochford District Council.

4 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 Loss of £417.50 income if a 100% fee waiver is granted, or £334.00 if an 80% fee waiver is granted.

5 PARISH IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 The event is being organised to provide entertainment for the local community and to raise funds for the upkeep and maintenance of the village hall.

6 RECOMMENDATION

- 6.1 It is proposed that the Sub-Committee **RECOMMENDS**

The fee due if a Public Entertainment Licence is granted. (HHHCC)

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Background Papers:

None

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