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Sent: 14 January 2014 13:03
To: Gilly Cohen; Kathryn Ashton; Shaun Banks
Cc:
Subject: Re: Brunel Rooms - Complaint

Gilly,

Thank you for your e-mail.

I have forwarded your e-mail to the Council's licensing officer and the committee clerk responsible for licensing meetings, who are responsible for ensuring the reports are prepared and presented to the review panel.

As I am due to serve on this review I am unable to comment on this as it could be prejudicial to the outcome of the hearing.

Regards,

Michael Dickinson

From: Gilly Cohen <xxxxxxxxxxxxxx>
To: mdickinson@swindon.gov.uk

Sent: Tuesday, 14 January 2014, 12:31
Subject: Brunel Rooms - Complaint

Dear Michael, I wanted to express my view that the licence of The Brunel Rooms should be withdrawn on the next review meeting.

Since the club has been open, there has been nothing but noise, violence and disorder in the early hours, which clearly cannot be contained by the club and it becomes too much to stretch our local police force into a waste of resources chasing after drunken yobs who get drunk on cheap drink offered by a club whose only interest is trying to make money and no regard for the environment or our young people.

Further I CANNOT believe the recent comments by the co-owner Helene Simpkins to bring back the convicted violent fraudster Jason Ranford. This person in October was jailed for six months for two counts of fraud and two counts of common assault. The comments by Mrs Simpkins that he brings back business is astounding!! ***"Jason helps me bring the club up. He's not back as a director, just with promotions. He's trying to get people into the club, because he does know lots of people in Swindon. There are a lot of people that do like him."*** This is after stating in the Swindon Advertiser (with repeated phone calls to them reported), **that following Mr Ranford's sentencing, he would be written out of the business in terms of a lease holder and share holder, and that his directorship was only that of a title, which would subsequently be revoked."** Checking companies house clearly stated he was a director at the time ([see link here](#)). A blatant lie!

Lastly, the recent arrest [of the manager of the](#) establishment brings the whole question of how can these people be allowed to take money from the public?? Another criminal being able to run a business. We need to protect our young people from those who just want to line their pockets with their dishonest ways.

The above clearly draws a huge question over the integrity of the management. The facts are **1)Employing criminals 2)Dishonest facts stating that employees are not directors 3)Other management involved in criminal activities.**

I cannot believe that the police allowed these people to set up and they were given a licence by the council. I amazes me. ***In her statement at the time Sian Kalyinka, police licensing officer, said: "I first met with Helene Simpkins and Paula Harris on 26 April 2013. At that meeting it was clear the applicants had no experience of operating in licensed premises.***

Please acknowledge this email and as a resident I look forward to the committees decision to close the Brunel Rooms and take my views and the views of many others into account.

Kind Regards

Gilly
Resident

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