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Dear Councillor,

LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE - FRIDAY 22ND MARCH, 2024

I refer to the agenda for the above meeting and now enclose the following supporting documents which were unavailable when the agenda was published.

Agenda No.	Item
4	Licensing Act, 2003 - Summary Review - Caradoc Hotel 275 Crosby Road South, Seaforth, Merseyside L21 4LU (Pages 3 - 58) Report of the Assistant Director of Place (Highways and Public Protection)

Yours faithfully,

Amy Dyson

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Kevin Hogan

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To: Kevin Hogan
Subject: FW: Caradoc pub Licence hearing

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To the Sefton licensing committee

I'm sending this email with regards to the Caradoc public house on Seaforth road Seaforth, and the current ongoing situation with regards to the licence . I feel that I need to in respect provide an honest and positive and objective opinion of the Caradoc.

I have been a regular patron of the pub for a good few years now and feel I'm in a position to provide such an opinion . I have always found the pub it's management,staff and customers friendly,welcoming and always good humoured and approachable.

The pub plays host to a diverse range of patrons of various ages but in particular many local elderly people who use it as a point of focus were they can socialise and engage in activities such as regular bingo sessions and karaoke. For many of these patron's who live locally the Caradoc provides a vital social centre in an area were several other public houses in the area have sadly closed, indeed I feel losing the pub would be an absolute tragedy for all concerned but in particular for the older patron's many of whom would lose their only source of social interaction. I can honestly say that I have never seen incidents of anti social behaviour in the Caradoc although of course the incident in question which is completely unacceptable is out of character for what I consider to be an asset for the local community,in short I would ask for the committee members to take into account all of the positives that the Caradoc brings to the local area and community.In conclusion I am of the firm belief that it would be an absolute tragedy for so many if the Caradoc was lost because of the actions of a disruptive and anti social few .

Thank you for your time

Kind regards
[REDACTED]

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Kevin Hogan

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To whom it may concern

I'm writing to you to provide a positive statement on behalf of the carradoc pub
On seaforth rd.

I have found the establishment during my years as a patron to be very friendly and approachable. With a good few family's having drank there most of their adult life. Which I know to be true as I have grown up and lived here some 45 years myself and drank with many family members and friends.

The staff are very inclusive and courteous to customers. Which does show on days we have special events and entertainment.

The pub has a number of coviviale distractions such as bingo ,football and sports games as well as karaoke,which attracts a wide range of customers of various ages and circumstances.

Some of the customers have frequented the establishment for many years
And would not be able to journey too far due to poor mobility. For some this is one of the few places to meet with friends and have someone to chat to were they can feel at ease.
As well as not to have social isolation.

While I appreciate that the need for the committee to review this case due to poor circumstances, i would ask for what leniency can be granted. As in all the times I have frequented the pub,I have seen only in a positive light.

If the pub was to close, as a resident of the street I would be somewhat concerned as to what may happen to the building and if it would encourage vandalism or worse.
As a disused building may well bring such difficulties. As well as the loss of jobs for local people. Who require such monies to sustain themselves.

I would like to hope that the few who have brought the pub in to a poor light and disrulte ,will not reflect on the majority of patrons and residents of the Seaforth and ,Bootle area who have visited the public house on a regular basis.

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Thank you for taking the time to review this reference for the carradoc PH.

Kind regards

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Sefton Council

Our Ref: [REDACTED]
Date: 18 March 2024

Dear Sirs / Madams

**OUR CLIENT: SHIELA GREEN
THE CARADOC HOTEL**

We represent Mrs Sheila Green [REDACTED]. She is the Designated Premises Supervisor for the Caradoc Hotel. We submit representations in favour of continuing the Premise Licence for the Caradoc Hotel.

The Caradoc Hotel

The Caradoc Hotel is a pub with a long-standing history in Seaforth. It was established in the 1800s and is an integral piece of the neighbourhood's culture. It is a pub that welcomes regulars and provides a hub for many in the local community. In this way, the Caradoc provides a lifeline of support and companionship. Customers will always see a friendly familiar face when they go into the Caradoc. This pub embodies a real sense of community which is rare in this day and age.

Enclosed herewith are many references from patrons of the pub. Each reference details how much of an impact the pub has on their daily lives. The Caradoc fosters a welcoming and engaging atmosphere through running events such as darts nights, bingo and karaoke. Many customers of the pub are elderly or working adults; they come for events like these, or for a pint on the way home after work.

The Caradoc Hotel is the last standing pub in the area. Similarly situated pubs (in terms of size, clientele, and presentation) have all closed down in the last few weeks or months, such as the Queens Hotel, the Gateway pub; and a couple of years ago, the Labour Club. Many customers of those establishments found refuge at the Caradoc. To remove the Premises Licence from the Caradoc Hotel would leave a gaping vacuum in the Seaforth neighbourhood, displacing many of those who rely on it socially and for their wellbeing. In the face of the Caradoc's resilience, removing the licence would economically stunt a bustling local business which relies on serving beverages to attract customers.

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Policies and Local Concerns

In line with the policy set out by the Licensing Act 2003 Statement of Licensing Policy Statement dated 9 December 2018 published by Sefton Metropolitan Borough Council, the Licensing Authority should encourage a broad range of entertainment, particularly live music and “should avoid measures that unnecessarily deter the provision of such entertainment”, as per paragraph 4.5. Removing the Premise Licence for the Caradoc Hotel would not be acting in line with this policy. [REDACTED]

When considering whether to instate a Premises Licence, the Local Authority must have reference to relevant policy considerations. The Caradoc does not have a history of frequent or even common ambulance callouts, links to alcohol related hospital admissions, local authority complaints, or concerns from local anti-social behaviour teams, or community drug or alcohol teams. When weighed against the benefits the Caradoc brings to the community, continuing the Premises Licence would promote the sentiments in Sefton Council’s Licensing Policy.

Sheila Green – Designated Premises Supervisor

Mrs Green has been the Designated Premises Supervisor since the pub reopened 18 years ago in 2006. Prior to managing this pub, she had decades of experiences running and serving at various pubs and bars in the area. She holds a Personal Licence, a copy of which has been enclosed. Running the pub is her livelihood, and through the letters, it is evident that she is more than just a manager, but a real figure in the community. She goes above and beyond for the patrons at the Caradoc: assisting veterans with PTSD; shopping, cooking, and cleaning for vulnerable supported tenants; raising monies for various charities; hosting spiritual groups at the pub; and partaking in charity events for local underprivileged football teams, as just some examples.

As an outstanding character in the community, Mrs Green and the Caradoc do not have any tolerance for drugs or crime. The Caradoc does not have a history of crime nor the need for police enforcement. Mrs Green has very personal reasons for being against drug use. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Mrs Green is very averse to drug use, and the references support the view that the Caradoc is not a drug friendly establishment.

It will be submitted that the events of Saturday 24th February 2024 are related to [REDACTED]

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Please accept this email as a letter regarding the closure of the Caradoc Pub.

I have known Sheila for nearly 20 years and she is a loyal friend and an avid supporter of the local community. Sheila has helped many people both in Seaforth and further afield. Sheila would give anyone her last penny and is one of the kindest people I have ever met.

The closure of the Caradoc has had a huge impact on the local community. Many drinkers at the Caradoc do not go to other pubs as they feel that the Caradoc is a safe space. I urge you to reconsider your decision to close the Caradoc.

Thanks

[REDACTED]

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

MY NAME IS [REDACTED],

I AM [REDACTED] WHO

HAS [REDACTED]

AND [REDACTED] REACHING

THE [REDACTED] AS A

RESULT [REDACTED] OF MY

[REDACTED] I NOW

SUFFER FROM [REDACTED] AND I

FIND IT HARD TO GET OUT

BUT WHEN I HAVE GOOD DAYS

SHEILA WHO WAS A GOOD

FRIEND OF [REDACTED] WHO

HAS SADLY PASSED AWAY

WILL COME AND PICK ME UP

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SHE HAS RAISED MONEY FOR

HELP THE HEROES AND

VARIOUS OTHER MILITARY

CHARITIES. I CAN'T SPEAK

HIGHLY OF A PERSON THAT

WILL DO ANYTHING TO HELP
PEOPLE WHO NEED HELP. IF
THE CARADOC CLOSES DOWN
I WILL LOSE SOMEWHERE
APART FROM MY [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] GROUP SOMEWHERE
THAT I CAN SOCIALISE
AND INTERACT WITH
FRIENDS WHERE I FEEL
SAFE.

YOURS SINCERLEY
[REDACTED]

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to you in relation to the decision to close the Caradoc Pub in Seaforth. We have known Sheila, the landlady of the Caradoc for over 20 years.

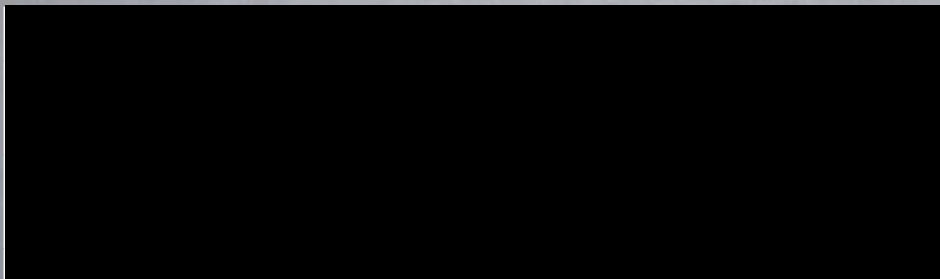
Sheila is one of the most caring and compassionate ladies we have ever met. She supports her local community and has been like a second Mother to us.

Sheila cares wholeheartedly about her patrons and their safety. The Caradoc is not just a pub it is a family. Sheila supports both community youth groups and older people without judgement.

The events that led to the closure of the Caradoc are not a true reflection of what the pub represents. The pub is a safe space for many who are experiencing problems, a place to seek advice and a place in which everyone's feelings are valid.

I urge you to reconsider your decision to close the Caradoc. The closure of the Caradoc will have a detrimental effect on the community.

Kind regards,



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Character witness statement for Sheila Green & The Caradoc Pub

To whom it may concern,

My name is ██████████ I am ██████████ who works for ██████████ now for 10+ years.

I have been going the Caradoc pub now for many years, I have built amazing friendships in this pub and made some amazing memories. I find the Caradoc to be a safe space for me and my friends when I go out. I met Sheila and I knew that the Caradoc was now my safe place to frequent with my friends and family. Many of my family and friends frequent there and it is full of familiar faces and such a friendly welcoming atmosphere every time. The community is absolutely devastated by the news of Sheila losing her license as the incident what happened on 24/02/2024. It is something that none of us had ever experienced in there. It has never happened before and I am guessing with Sheila wanting to keep everyone safe was why people stayed after 12:00am as people were most likely frightened to leave due to the gang of people turning up.

I can assure you that the Caradoc Pub has never had this type of trouble occur before. We are all deeply shocked and devastated for Sheila. We are all pleading with you to look at this decision again and please take into consideration that this was and will be a one off occurrence. We all adore Sheila and how safe and welcome she makes us feel when visiting the pub. Not only is Sheila a brilliant pub manager but she is a trusted friend and a lovely lady who is deeply appreciated in the community.

I hope you take all of this into consideration and reconsider this decision,

Regards

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05/03/2024

To Whom it may concern,

My name is [REDACTED] I am a civil servant and work for the home office. I have been going to the Caradoc pub for around 8 years and I met [REDACTED] in there. I met Sheila around the same time, and I attend the pub frequently and this offence has come as a shock to me as I see the Caradoc as a safe space, friendly and its always the same faces inside.

I am quite an anxious person and in recent years avoid going into the city centre as I don't like trouble and the thought of fights breaking out sets my anxiety off and I am prone to panic attacks. I have never felt unsafe, anxious, or seen any trouble in the 8 years I have been going the Caradoc and it is a shame that the locals on this night was faced with this 'one off' scary incident which was completely out of Sheila's hands.

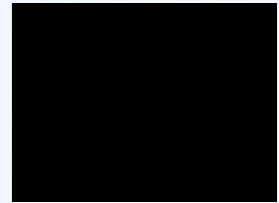
I understand that this is a serious offence that as occurred on the early hours of Saturday 24th February, however I am pleading with yourselves to please take into consideration that this never happens, and Sheila is a lovely lady who everyone loves appreciates and adores and it would be a massive loss for the community to lose the Caradoc Pub with Sheila behind the bar.

Kind Regards

[REDACTED]

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A letter of support for Sheila Green



10TH March 2024

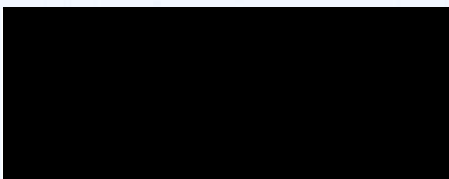
I would like to write this letter of support for Sheila Green, the licensee of the Caradoc Pub, Seaforth.

I am the [REDACTED] ladies darts league. I have had the pleasure of playing darts in the Caradoc pub for about 20 years. I organise and put teams in this venue on a regular weekly basis and have never heard or felt concern for my own safety or that of any of the ladies that play darts there. We all can only say how much we value this pub in our league and feel that Sheila and her staff look after us extremely well.

I have never seen or heard of any trouble, or anything untowards happening in the Caradoc whenever I have been in there. I have felt that comfortable in this pubs environment that I regularly enjoy going into the pub, on my own as a lady, knowing it's very pleasant and well managed and all customers are well looked after.

I personally and the ladies darts community, would find it difficult to find another, friendlier and more trouble free pub to play our darts in.

I believe this to be a totally isolated trouble related, incident that has caused this lovely lady and pub to be under this pressure.



██████████ character reference for s.green

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing to provide a heartfelt character reference for Sheila, whom I have had the pleasure of knowing for the past 22 years. During this time, I have had the opportunity to witness Sheila's dedication, integrity, and unwavering commitment to serving her community as the landlady of the Caradoc Hotel in Seaforth.

I first came to know Sheila when she was the bar manager of my local pub, and since then, our paths have crossed in various capacities, from ██████████ together to being friends and ██████████. Sheila's transition to becoming the landlady of the Caradoc Hotel 18 years ago was marked by her tireless efforts to create more than just a pub – she envisioned it as a community hub where all were welcome and cared for.

Throughout the years, I have frequented Sheila's establishment and can attest that she has maintained a safe and welcoming environment free from disturbances, trouble, or drug use. Her leadership and dedication to creating a sense of community within the pub have been truly admirable, and her impact on the surrounding area has been profound.

Sheila's kindness and generosity extend far beyond the walls of the Caradoc Hotel. She has a heart of gold and is always willing to lend a helping hand, offer a listening ear, or support those in need. From supporting local charities to assisting families in times of crisis, Sheila consistently puts others before herself, embodying the true spirit of community.

I have seen first-hand the positive influence Sheila has had on the lives of those around her, and I firmly believe that her presence is crucial to the well-being of the community. Without her guidance and support, the Caradoc Hotel would not be the thriving hub that it is today, serving as a safe haven for both new and old customers.

I have always admired Sheila's hard work in supporting her community and wanted ██████████ ██████████ Sheila helped and supported me to achieve that. During covid, we supported one another with every new challenge we had to overcome. Over the 18 years Sheila had been the landlady at The Caradoc Hotel, I have frequented there a lot and never have I been witness to any disturbances or trouble, or drug use as this event that happened on 24th Feb 2024 is illustrating.

In light of Sheila's exemplary character and her contributions to the community, I respectfully urge you to consider all the factors mentioned above and allow her to retain her license. Her presence is not only an asset to the community but also essential for maintaining the vibrant and welcoming atmosphere of the Caradoc Hotel.

Thank you for considering my recommendation for Sheila, and please feel free to contact me if you require any further information.

Best Regards,

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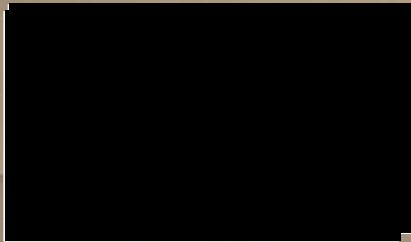
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To who it made concer.

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problem she will help if she can. we have
karaoke + Bringo football. I know all the people
in there, there like family. we have a good
laugh and it brings the community together.
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Thank you

[REDACTED]



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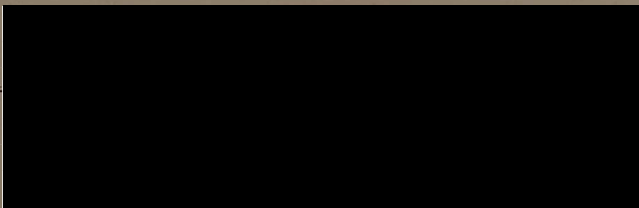
To whom it may concern

Re: Caradoc Public House

My name is [REDACTED] I am the [REDACTED] of Sandon Lodge Over 55+ Sheltered Accommodation, we are near the Caradoc Public House on Seaforth Road. A lot of our tenants frequent the Caradoc as it is a means of Social Inclusion for a lot of our tenants who otherwise would not see anybody from week to week, lots of our tenants attend Bingo, Karaoke & Quiz nights and would lose their means of mixing with the community if the Caradoc was to close. Sheila ^{Green} [REDACTED] (Landlady) has been very good to the tenants of Sandon Lodge previously supporting a vulnerable tenant who lived at Sandon Lodge, without her help and support he would have been helpless and left to rely on Social Services who would of placed him in residential care, he got to stay in his home and was cared for, she went out of her way to clean, cook and shop for him, mostly at no cost to him as Sheila funded this herself as he was a valued customer of the Caradoc over the years.

Seaforth is a very close-knit community, and they look after each other, customers from the Caradoc have helped our tenants in various ways and hopefully can continue to do so in the future.

Regards



To Whom it May Concern

I have drunk in The Caradoc for approximately 25 years. Always loved my time there. The friendly atmosphere has always encouraged me to go back time and again.

Unpteen occasions whilst frequenting there we've witnessed family gatherings/christenings etc.

Even last year The Caradoc took part in a Charity Event for a local under privileged football team raising monies for their kit and competitions. The Community feeling is immense here. Its great to be able to catch up with the local people.

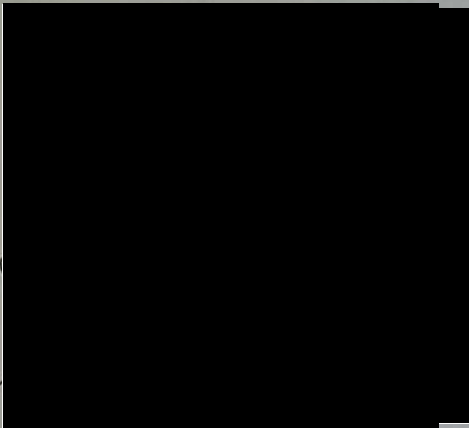
I've loved my time drinking there. My friends from around the country love to call in and play some darts/pool, a little sing song on the karaoke. They always comment on the homely and safe feeling they get there.

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to represent a group of regular Caradoc customers, who have drank in the pub for over 20 years. As older men, the Caradoc is always a safe and settled place for us to get together. Sheila and all of the staff at the Caradoc are fantastic and during the many days we have spent in there we have never seen any trouble. Sheila does not tolerate abuse or aggression which is why many people would make it their first choice as a place to get together.

Please reconsider your decision to close the Caradoc.

Many thanks.



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19/03/2024

[Redacted]

To whom it may concern,
I am writing this letter as a statement of fact that her [Redacted] has been a drug addict to Heroin for over (30 years)

I have known Sheria and her family for 60 (years) and can state she has come for me for support over [Redacted] many times! she has done this because I am (retired) R.G.N, D.N. as my Profession and personal connection to her and her family.

Sheria over the years has a times been extremely Traumatized over [Redacted] and his situation and (I clearly state that [Redacted] has been drug addict for the years stated)

Yours Sincerely

[Redacted]

[REDACTED]

29th August 2023

Dear Sir/Madam

I am writing this letter to express my support for Sheila Green, the landlady of The Caradoc, who is facing closure due to a recent incident. I have been a regular customer of this pub for nearly 20 years, and so has my family. In all the years we have drank there, we have never seen anything like what happened on the night of the incident.

Sheila Green has always run a respectable and friendly establishment, where everyone feels welcome and safe. She has been a pillar of the community, supporting local charities, sporting tournaments, and events. She has also been a loyal and fair employer, providing jobs and training for many young people in the area.

The incident that occurred was an isolated and unfortunate case and I believe that shutting down the pub would be a harsh and unjust punishment, and a great loss for the community.

I own my own business in Bootle, and I know how hard it is to survive in these challenging times. Sheila Green deserves a chance to continue her work and serve her customers, who appreciate and value her. I urge you to reconsider your decision and allow The Caradoc to remain open.

Sincerely,

Kind regards,

[REDACTED]

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[Redacted]

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Dear Sir/Madam,

I have held my [Redacted] in the Corador L21944 for the past year. I have never

seen anything untoward in the Corador, [Redacted] Spirited group helps so many people meditate and mental health.

Sheila I have always found her to be very professional and does a lot to help us local people. Sheila is very well respected, kind and hardworking.

Kind Regards

[Redacted]

Reference for Sheila [REDACTED]

I am writing in reference to Sheila [REDACTED] I have known Sheila for over 20 years, and she is one of my longest most loyal friends and a very hard working, passionate individual.

Sheila has always done a tremendous job of running The Caradoc Hotel and it has always been at the heart of everything she does. She is a highly respected licensee holder with many accomplishments. She has hosted many charity events, darts competitions and bingo nights that have bought the community together and always had a highly positive impact on the people around her.

Sheila has an excellent work ethic and rapport with everyone around her and has always showed the most upmost integrity and professionalism within her role. She has extensive knowledge of the business and is a well-respected publican. Whenever I have visited The Caradoc Hotel all rules and regulations were made clear and implemented which always made for an enjoyable evening.

I am honoured to have known Sheila for as long as I have, she is honest and dedicated to her job and a great friend and I am confident that should she be given the opportunity to still run The Caradoc Hotel it still has such an excellent impact as it has done for many years.

[REDACTED]
15.03.2024 [REDACTED]

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To whom it may concern,

I [REDACTED], have known Sheila Green for 7 years.

[REDACTED], Sheila Green and [REDACTED] other ladies play for the Caradoc ladies dart team.

For the 7 years, I have spent many times drinking there with friends, as well as playing darts on a Tuesday night for our home games.

During the times of me socialising in my local pub, or playing darts, I have never come across any fights or arguments within the pub.

The Caradoc is one of only a few pubs left in the area, where people go to socialise. The Caradoc is a lifeline to some people, it's where they can enjoy a few drinks to watch the football, take part on bingo night or participate in karaoke night.

The regulars whom drink in the Caradoc are warm and welcoming people. All the customers I've met over the years are friendly, genuine people whom rely on the Caradoc as their local. It has community spirit amongst the customers.

I can vouch that Sheila Green who runs the Caradoc, is a lovely women. Sheila is hard working, she dedicates her life to the Caradoc, is well respected by her customers, also by the opposing teams of the darts league.

Closing the Caradoc on a permanent basis, would be detrimental to the loyal customers and also to our darts team.

Over the years to many pubs have closed, which means less dart teams in the league. To some of the women from ours and opposing teams, this is their night out with friends. It's a night were we are able to enjoy a night of fun and laughter.

Kind Regards

[REDACTED]

Caradoc ladies' darts team are

- [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED]

Character witness statement for Sheila Green

To whom this may concern,

My name is [REDACTED].

The Caradoc pub is an amazing pub there is never trouble there this one off incident was a one off. Sheila is an amazing landlady will do anything she can to help people in the community I know this 1st hand [REDACTED] has cystic fibrosis and Sheila has had sponsor sheets for a walk up Snowden and charity boxes to raise money for the cystic fibrosis trust she will do anything she can to help people even if you just need a chat she always there and is highly respected by a lot of people in the Seaforth area.

I have been going to the Caradoc for many years to many to count its always a great atmosphere everyone is very friendly customers and staff. We are all devastated in the Seaforth community this has happed and hope the Caradoc will be able to reopen again soon with Sheila behind the bar.

Kind regards,

[REDACTED]

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