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Redditch nightclub director faces trial after gun incident

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A DIRECTOR of a Redditch nightclub is to stand trial after an incident involving a gun, it has emerged.

On Saturday, December 3 last year, police were called to The Warwick Bar and Nightclub on Ipsley Street after an incident involving a gun outside the club at around 5am.

The director of the nightclub, Clinton Bryan of Wishaw Close, Redditch was charged with possession of a firearm with intent to endanger life following the incident.

The 42-year-old, who was also charged with possession of cannabis, pleaded not guilty to the offences and has been remanded in custody until the date of his trial which is scheduled for May 30 at Worcester Crown Court.

Police applied for an emergency closure order of the premises, which was granted at Redditch Magistrates Court on Monday, December 12 which stated that the club must remain closed for three months, meaning it is in place until March 11.

Now, Redditch council's licencing committee is set to review the premises licence at a meeting on Wednesday, January 25.

West Mercia Police has submitted a document to the committee in support of reviewing the club's licence and say the only option is to remove their licence.

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The document states: "This premises falls well below the expected level of safe and compliant operation.

"There has been significant crime and disorder associated with this premises, this crime and disorder goes against the four licensing objectives.

"This ultimately puts members of the public at significant risk of harm and injury both physically and mentally, it also puts property at significant risk of damage and goes against the licensing objective of prevention of crime and disorder.

"West Mercia Police feel the only option is to revoke the licence for this premises, there are significant concerns that if it is allowed to remain open then at some point in the future someone may lose their life."