

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE HELD AT NEUADD MALDWYN, WELSHPOOL ON 15TH SEPTEMBER, 2014

PRESENT: County Councillor J.M. Williams [Chair]
County Councillors F. Jump and D.R. Jones

Officers

Nigel Williams, Senior Licensing Officer
Colin Edwards, Solicitor, Clerk to the Sub-Committee

1. APOLOGIES

There were no apologies for absence.

2. PROCEDURAL GUIDELINES

The Chair introduced the Sub-Committee and its Clerk.

The Clerk to the Sub-Committee on behalf of the Head of Legal, Scrutiny and Democratic Services explained the procedures to be followed by the Sub-committee.

3. APPLICATION FOR A VARIATION OF THE PREMISES LICENCE – UNICORN CAERSWS

The Applicant: Not present

Responsible Authorities: Not present

Interested parties: Mr D. Panton, Mr G. Hockley, Ms S. Phillips and Mr & Mrs Seager

The Licensing Officer presented the Licensing Authority's position as outlined in the report [copy filed with the signed minutes]. He drew the attention of the Sub-Committee to the conditions offered by the applicant in his application. He advised that the Licensing Section was happy with the consultation undertaken by the applicant.

The Applicant was not present but the Designated Premises Supervisor [DPS] had submitted a two page letter in support of his application (copy filed with the signed minutes). In the letter the DPS explained that the application for increased hours was in order to have the capacity to accommodate the needs of their customers and business and they did not anticipate opening until 3 a.m. on a regular basis. The DPS went on to say in her letter that another licensed premises in Caersws had a licence permitting them to open later than the time that she had applied for. The DPS was mindful of running the premises in a way which would not disturb their neighbours and she was not aware of any complaint made about the premises since it re-opened.

The Objectors were concerned about the potential for the premises to cause noise and disturbance, especially if the premises were used to the full extent permitted by the proposed opening hours. Some objectors also raised

concerns about car parking, but they were advised that this did not go to one of the licensing objectives and therefore could not be taken into account by the Sub-Committee.

All parties confirmed that they had been able to make their representations. The Sub-Committee withdrew to consider, in private, the application and the evidence they had heard, with the support of the Clerk.

On their return the Chair announced their decision. In reaching the decision members took into account the relevant written and verbal representations. The Objectors were advised about the “review” mechanism in the Licensing Act.

RESOLVED:	Reason for decision:
That the application be granted as applied for subject to the conditions offered by the applicant in his application.	Other than the conditions offered, no further steps were considered necessary for the promotion of the licensing objectives.

The Clerk to the Sub-Committee advised the applicant and the local residents that she would confirm the decision in writing and reminded them of their right to appeal.

The Chair thanked all for attending.

County Councillor J.M. Williams
Chair