

Pecyn Dogfennau Cyhoeddus

Is-bwyllgor Trwyddedu

Man Cyfarfod
By Zoom

Dyddiad y Cyfarfod
Dydd Mercher, 2 Awst 2023

Amser y Cyfarfod
10.00 am

I gael rhagor o wybodaeth cysylltwch â
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Mae croeso i'r rhai sy'n cymryd rhan ddefnyddio'r Gymraeg. Os hoffech chi siarad Cymraeg yn y cyfarfod, gofynnwn i chi roi gwybod i ni erbyn hanner dydd ddau ddiwrnod cyn y cyfarfod

AGENDA

Mae'n ofynnol i Aelodau'r Is-Bwyllgor fod yn bresennol mewn cyfarfod Briffio preifat am 9.30 a.m.

1.	CAIS AM DRWYDDED MANGRE
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Cais am drwydded mangre.

1.1. Gweithdrefnau Is-bwyllgorau

Derbyn cyflwyniadau oddi wrth y Cadeirydd ac esboniad o weithdrefnau'r Is-Bwyllgor gan y Prif Gyfreithiwr.
(Tudalennau 1 - 2)

1.2. Cais am drwydded

Ystyried cais am drwydded ar gyfer ardal meysydd chwarae Clwb Rygbi Ystradgynlais, Heol Ynysgedwyn, Ystradgynlais, Powys.
(Tudalennau 3 - 36)

Mae'r dudalen hon wedi'i gadael yn wag yn fwriadol

1.a

POWYS COUNTY COUNCIL – LICENSING REVIEW PANELS & SUB-COMMITTEES PROCEDURE AT HEARING (simplified)

INTRODUCTIONS

- Chairman introduces himself, other members of panel and clerk/solicitor
- Each person in turn introduces themselves
 - Council's representative(s)
 - Applicant and/or their representative
 - For reviews - the licence holder and/or any representatives or witnesses
 - Any Objector(s) and/or their witnesses (only objectors who have submitted relevant representations may participate in the hearing)
- Clerk/Solicitor outlines nature of application

ORDER OF HEARING

Chairman manages / takes the lead at the meeting to ensure the correct order of proceedings is adhered with. Assistance from Solicitor/Clerk should be sought where necessary

- 1) Council's representative presents the report
 - Panel may ask questions of the Council's representative
- 2) Applicant or their representative puts their case forward (in the case of a review application this is a responsible authority or an interested party and not the licence holder)
 - Panel may ask questions of the applicant
 - For reviews - the licence holder and/or their representative may ask questions of the applicant
 - Objectors and/or their representatives may ask questions of the applicant
- 3) In the case of a Review Application the licence holder is invited to put their case forward.
 - Panel may ask questions of the licence holder or their representative
 - For reviews - the applicant may ask questions of the licence holder or their representative
 - Objectors may ask questions of the licence holder or their representative
- 4) Each objector and/or their witnesses put their case forward in turn. After each objector/witness has presented then:
 - Applicant or their representative may ask questions of the objector/witness
 - For reviews – the licence holder or their representative may ask questions of the objector
 - Panel may ask questions of the objector/witness
- 5) Chair invites applicant or his/her representative to summarise points and make a final statement
- 6) Chair checks that all parties have had ample opportunity to present all aspects of their case and have said all they want to say before the panel and the clerk withdraws to deliberate in private.
- (7) All parties are recalled and the decision of the panel is announced verbally by the council's legal representative. The grounds for that decision and the reasons for reaching it are also explained
- (8) Conclusion of hearing.
- (9) The decision is conveyed in writing to the applicant and objectors by the council's legal representative as soon as possible along with details of the appeal mechanism

NOTE ON OBJECTORS

- There is no limit on the number of objectors
- Each objector is limited to a maximum of 2 witnesses.
- Objectors may appoint a spokesperson to present their case in order to avoid repetition of the same issues.
- Where there are a large number of objectors each wishing to be heard then the chair may choose to set a time limit for each objector to present their case

1.b

CYNGOR SIR POWYS COUNTY COUNCIL

Licensing Sub-Committee Zoom Meeting at 10:00 on Wednesday the 02/08/2023

REPORT BY: Martin Phillips Licensing Officer

SUBJECT: Application for a Premises Licence for The Playing Fields area of Ystradgynlais RFC, Ynyscedwyn Road, Ystradgynlais, Powys.

REPORT FOR: **DECISION**

1. APPLICATION

- 1.1 On the -11/06/2023, an application for a Premises Licence was received from Clwb Rygbi Ystradgynlais Ltd.
- 1.2 A location map of the premises is set out at **Annex A**, and a copy of the application and a plan of the premises are reproduced at **Annex B and Annex B1**.
- 1.3 The Proposed Premises is an open playing field.
- 1.4 The applicant & The Licensing Authority satisfied procedural obligations by consulting the Responsible Authorities and advertising the application.
- 1.4 The Applicant has applied for a Premises Licence authorising The Sale of Alcohol for both ON & OFF sales and Regulated Entertainment Plays, Films, 11:00 to 23:00 and Regulated Entertainment Live and Recorded Music Performance of Dance and anything similar 11:00 to 11:30 and late Night Refreshment 23:00 to 23:30.

2. REPRESENTATIONS

2.1 Responsible Authorities

There were No Objections from any of the Responsible Authorities.

However a number of the Responsible Authorities have agreed either additional conditions to be attached to a licence or amendments to the times and number of events covered by a licence should a licence be granted these are reproduced at **Annex C**

2.2 Other Persons

Objections

7 Representations have been received and the details of these representations are detailed and attached at **Annex D**.

Supporters

5 Supporters of the application have submitted emails of support these are detailed at **Annex D1**.

3. OPTIONS

3.1 In determining the application for the Premises Licence, the Sub-Committee must take such steps as are considered appropriate to promote the licensing objectives;

- i) The Prevention of Crime and Disorder
- ii) Public Safety
- iii) The Prevention of Public Nuisance
- iv) The Protection of Children from Harm

(3.2 If appropriate make reference to LA03 guidance or our Licensing policy if it relates to any of the points raised by objectors)

3.3 The options are to;

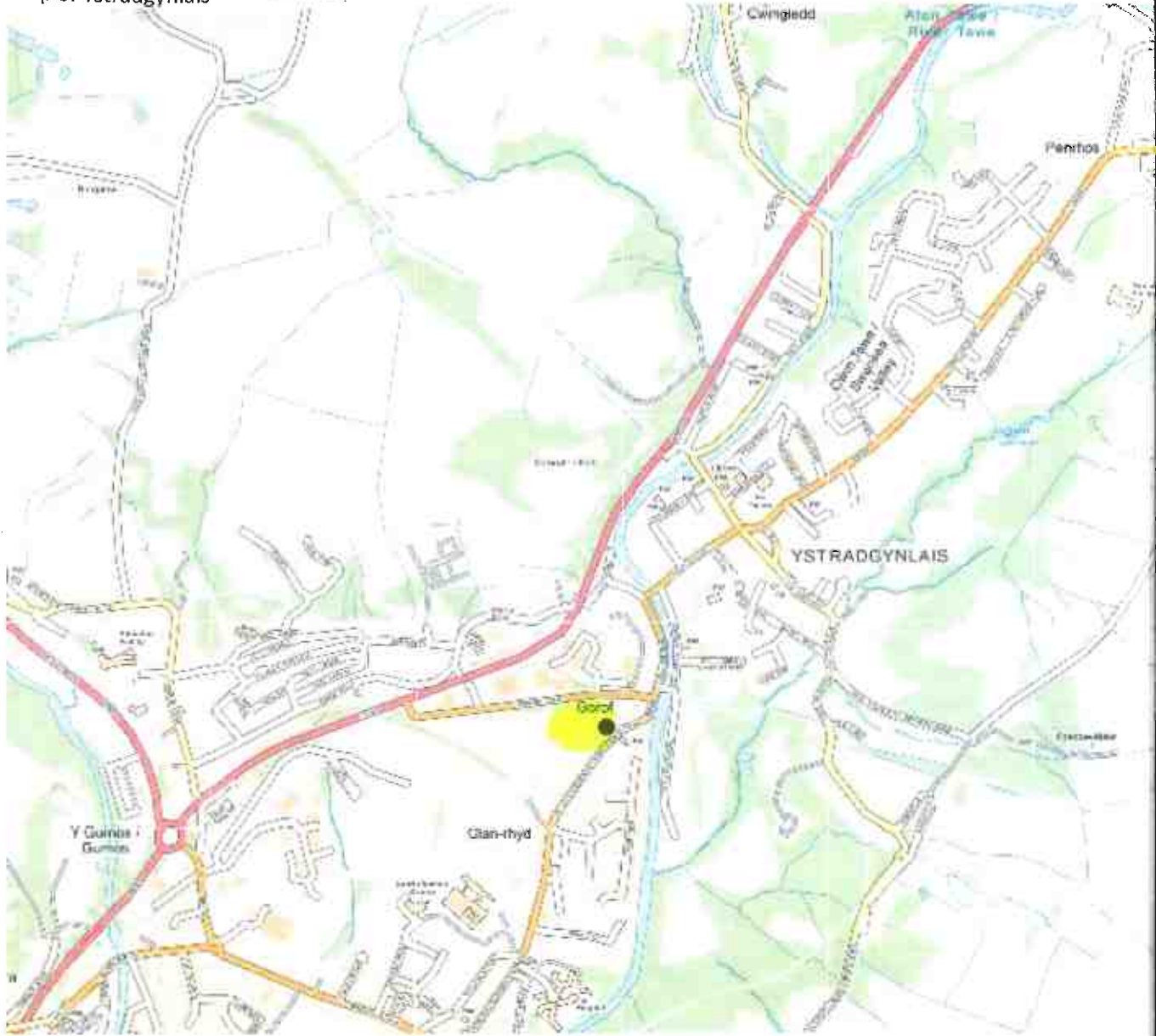
- a) grant the application as submitted by the applicant without modification, with the exception of the inclusion of mandatory conditions made under Section 19, Licensing Act 2003 (Supply of Alcohol); or
- b) grant a licence with modified conditions; or
- c) reject the whole or part of the application.

4. DETERMINATION

4.1 The Licensing Sub-Committee is requested to determine the application.

ANNEX A

Map of Ystradgynlais



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ANNEX B

Application for a premises licence to be granted under the Licensing Act 2003

Please read the following instructions first

Before completing this form please read the guidance notes at the end of the form. If you are completing this form by hand please write legibly in block capitals. In all cases ensure that your answers are inside the boxes and written in black ink. Use additional sheets if necessary.

You may wish to keep a copy of the completed form for your records.

I/We Clwb Rygbi Ystradgunlais Ltd

(Insert name(s) of applicant)

apply for a premises licence under section 17 of the Licensing Act 2003 for the premises described in Part 1 below (the premises) and I/we are making this application to you as the relevant licensing authority in accordance with section 12 of the Licensing Act 2003

Part 1 – Premises details

Postal address of premises or, if none, ordnance survey map reference or description			
Playing field area of Ystradgynlais RFC (defined map attached) Ynyscedwyn Road, Ystradgynlais			
Post town	Swansea	Postcode	SA9 1HN

Telephone number at premises (if any)	
Non-domestic rateable value of premises	£6000

Part 2 - Applicant details

Please state whether you are applying for a premises licence as **appropriate** **Please tick as appropriate**

a)	an individual or individuals *		please complete section (A)
b)	a person other than an individual *		
X	i	as a limited company/limited liability partnership	please complete section (B)
	ii	as a partnership (other than limited liability)	please complete section (B)
	iii	as an unincorporated association or	please complete section (B)
	iv	other (for example a statutory corporation)	please complete section (B)

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Second individual applicant (if applicable)

Mr	Mrs	Miss	Ms	Other Title (for example, Rev)	
Surname			First names		
Date of birth or over		I am 18 years old		Please tick yes	
Nationality					
Current residential address if different from premises address					
Post town				Postcode	
Daytime contact telephone number					
E-mail address (optional)					
Where applicable (if demonstrating a right to work via the Home Office online right to work checking service), the 'share code' provided to the applicant by that service: (please see note 15 for information)					

(B) Other applicants

Please provide name and registered address of applicant in full. Where appropriate please give any registered number. In the case of a partnership or other joint venture (other than a body corporate), please give the name and address of each party concerned.

Name Clwb Rygbi Ystradgynlais Ltd
Address Ynyscedwyn Road, Ystradgynlais Swansea SA9 1HB

e)	live music (if ticking yes, fill in box E)	x
f)	recorded music (if ticking yes, fill in box F)	x
g)	performances of dance (if ticking yes, fill in box G)	x
h)	anything of a similar description to that falling within (e), (f) or (g) (if ticking yes, fill in box H)	x

	<u>Provision of late night refreshment</u> (if ticking yes, fill in box I)	x
	<u>Supply of alcohol</u> (if ticking yes, fill in box J)	x

In all cases complete boxes K, L and M

B

Films Standard days and timings (please read guidance note 7)			Will the exhibition of films take place <u>indoors or outdoors or both</u> – please <u>tick</u> (please read guidance note 3)	Indoors	
Day	Start	Finish		Outdoors	x
Day	Start	Finish		Both	
Mon	11:00	23:00	Please give further details here (please read guidance note 4)		
Tue	11:00	23:00			
Wed	11:00	23:00	State any seasonal variations for the exhibition of films (please read guidance note 5)		
Thur	11:00	23:00			
Fri	11:00	23:00	Non standard timings. Where you intend to use the premises for the exhibition of films at different times to those listed in the column on the left, please list (please read guidance note 6)		
Sat	11:00	23:00			
Sun	11:00	23:00			

D

Boxing or wrestling entertainments Standard days and timings (please read guidance note 7)			Will the boxing or wrestling entertainment take place indoors or outdoors or both – please tick (please read guidance note 3)	
Day	Start	Finish	Outdoors	
Mon			Please give further details here (please read guidance note 4)	
Tue				
Wed			State any seasonal variations for boxing or wrestling entertainment (please read guidance note 5)	
Thur				
Fri			Non standard timings. Where you intend to use the premises for boxing or wrestling entertainment at different times to those listed in the column on the left, please list (please read guidance note 6)	
Sat				
Sun				

F

Recorded music Standard days and timings (please read guidance note 7)			<u>Will the playing of recorded music take place indoors or outdoors or both – please tick</u> (please read guidance note 3)	
Day	Start	Finish	Indoors	
			Outdoors	x
			Both	
Mon	11:00	23:30	<u>Please give further details here</u> (please read guidance note 4)	
Tue	11:00	23:30		
Wed	11:00	23:30	<u>State any seasonal variations for the playing of recorded music</u> (please read guidance note 5)	
Thur	11:00	23:30		
Fri	11:00	23:30	<u>Non standard timings. Where you intend to use the premises for the playing of recorded music at different times to those listed in the column on the left, please list</u> (please read guidance note 6)	
Sat	11:00	23:30		
Sun	11:00	23:30		

H

Anything of a similar description to that falling within (e), (f) or (g) Standard days and timings (please read guidance note 7)			Please give a description of the type of entertainment you will be providing		
Day	Start	Finish	Will this entertainment take place indoors or outdoors or both – please tick (please read guidance note 3)	Indoors	
Mon	11:00	23:00		Outdoors	x
				Both	
Tue	11:00	23:00	Please give further details here (please read guidance note 4)		
Wed	11:00	23:00			
Thur	11:00	23:00	State any seasonal variations for entertainment of a similar description to that falling within (e), (f) or (g) (please read guidance note 5)		
Fri	11:00	23:00			
Sat	11:00	23:00	Non standard timings. Where you intend to use the premises for the entertainment of a similar description to that falling within (e), (f) or (g) at different times to those listed in the column on the left, please list (please read guidance note 6)		
Sun	11:00	23:00			

J

Supply of alcohol Standard days and timings (please read guidance note 7)			Will the supply of alcohol be for consumption – please tick (please read guidance note 8)	On the premises		
Day	Start	Finish		Off the premises		
Mon	11:00	23:00		State any seasonal variations for the supply of alcohol (please read guidance note 5)	Both	x
Tue	11:00	23:00				
Wed	11:00	23:00				
Thur	11:00	23:00	Non standard timings. Where you intend to use the premises for the supply of alcohol at different times to those listed in the column on the left, please list (please read guidance note 6)			
Fri	11:00	23:00				
Sat	11:00	23:00				
Sun	11:00	23:00				

State the name and details of the individual whom you wish to specify on the licence as designated premises supervisor (Please see declaration about the entitlement to work in the checklist at the end of the form):

Name	
Date of birth	
Address	
Postcode	SA9 1LH
Personal licence number (if known)	
Issuing licensing authority (if known)	Powys county council

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M

Describe the steps you intend to take to promote the four licensing objectives:

a) General – all four licensing objectives (b, c, d and e) (please read guidance note 10)

Event management plan will be submitted for each event

Area will be limited to 5 events per annum. Each event will submit a EMP to the SAG 21 days prior to each event.

Event organisers will work along side the SAG and liaise with relevant departments.

b) The prevention of crime and disorder

Sia Door supervisors will be used, ratio of supervisors will be detailed in each events Management plan.

Non licenced stewards will also be used to monitor and control crowds.

c) Public safety

Traffic management plan will be submitted as part of the emp

d) The prevention of public nuisance

The event organisers will work with Pollution control department to monitor noise during the event

The event organisers will liaise with local residents prior to each event and notify of event time scales. A contact number for the event organiser will be distributed to residents as a direct contact during the event. Any complaints received will be logged with event control including action taken.

e) The protection of children from harm

	<p>subject to a condition preventing me from doing work relating to the carrying on of a licensable activity) and that my licence will become invalid if I cease to be entitled to live and work in the UK (please read guidance note 15).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The DPS named in this application form is entitled to work in the UK (and is not subject to conditions preventing him or her from doing work relating to a licensable activity) and I have seen a copy of his or her proof of entitlement to work, or have conducted an online right to work check using the Home Office online right to work checking service which confirmed their right to work (please see note 15)
Signature	
Date	08/06/2023
Capacity	(Clwb Rygbi Ystradgynlais)

For joint applications, signature of 2nd applicant or 2nd applicant's solicitor or other authorised agent (please read guidance note 13). If signing on behalf of the applicant, please state in what capacity.

Signature	
Date	
Capacity	

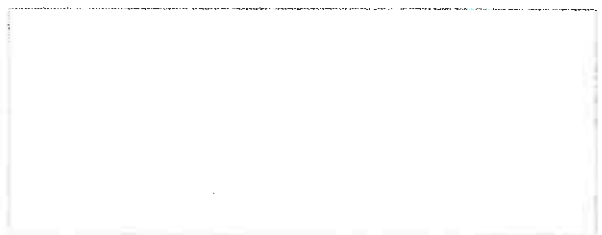
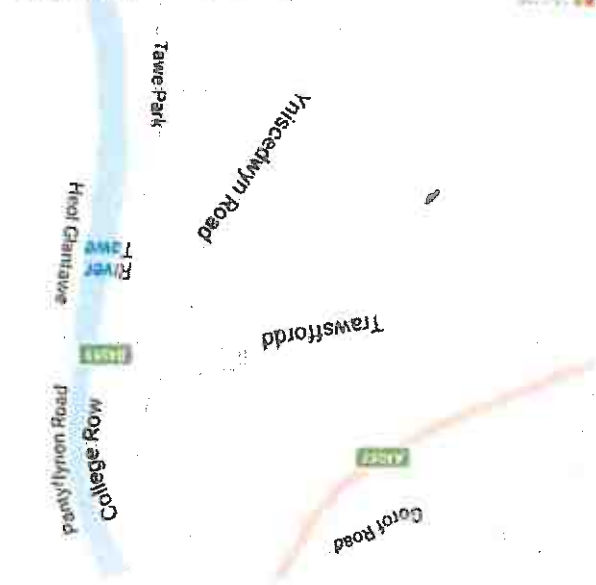
<p>Contact name (where not previously given) and postal address for correspondence associated with this application (please read guidance note 14)</p>	
Post town	Postcode
Telephone number (if any)	
<p>If you would prefer us to correspond with you by e-mail, your e-mail address (optional) luke@atswales.co.uk</p>	

ANNEX B1

Proposed licensed area
Ystradgynlais RFC



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Notes

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ANNEX C

The following are agreed amendments to the licence application or agreed additional conditions to be added to a licence if granted.

Environmental Protection

Further to a conversation with the applicant he was happy to make changes to the application that were of concern to environmental protection. We agreed that all elements of the application should be reduced from 2330 to 2300 hours. Also a reduction in the number of events per annum applied for, from 5 to 3.

There are no further objections from this office with regards to this application.

Licensing

Yes we are agreeable to the following

- Notice must be given to the licensing authority at least 2 months in advance of any event held under this licence
- The Event Management Plan to be provided to the Licensing authority at least 28 days before the event or one week before any SAG meeting (whichever is later)

Also happy to agree to the following conditions :

- Each event held under this licence will be a maximum of 1 days duration
- Each event held under this licence will be a maximum capacity of 2000. (this would be the max number we feel we would ever need for an event)

Police

On behalf on Ystradgynlais RFC I can confirm we are happy for the conditions stated below to be included within the license.

- 1. The Club will contact the Police at least 28 days prior to any event as identified in the application to advise them of the details of the event.**
- 2. The Club during such events will operate a CCTV system covering all points of entry onto the identified site as per the plan submitted this application. This system will allow storage of images for up to 28 days and will be made available to the Police on request.**

Health and Safety

I/We the applicantClwb Rygbi Ystradgynlais Ltd..... *(print name)*
Agree to the additional conditions listed being included as part of our premise licence.

30 milliamp residual current device protection will be provided to electrical sockets used for public entertainment equipment. Portable residual current devices are not acceptable as protection.

A satisfactory electrical installation report will be provided.
Inspection and testing of the electrical installation at the premises shall be carried out by an Approved Electrical Contractor (competent person). An approved

contractor means a contractor approved by the National Inspection Council for Electrical Installation Contracting (NICEIC), the Electrical Contractors Association (ECA), National Association of Professional Installers and Testers (NAPIT), or other such contractor certified for such inspection and testing under the Electrotechnical Assessment Scheme.

The inspection and testing must cover the electrical installation in public areas of the premises. The Approved Contractor shall make a report or issue a compliance certificate that identifies (i) which parts of the installation have been inspected and tested, (ii) the results of the inspection and testing, (iii) any work necessary to ensure that the electrical installation is safe.

ANNEX D

Objector No 1

I wish to strongly object to the application for the below licence.

Application for new premises licence

Applicant:

Ystradgynlais Rugby Football Club Limited, Ystradgynlais Rugby Club,
Ynyscedwyn Road, Ystradgynlais, Swansea, SA9 1BH

Premises:

Playing field Ystradgynlais Rugby Football Club, Ystradgynlais Rugby
Football Club, Ynyscedwyn Road, Ystradgynlais, Swansea, SA9 1BH

Activities:

- **Sale of Alcohol for consumption on and off the premises** , 11:00 to 23:00 Monday to Sunday
- **Regulated entertainment in the form of Plays and Films** , 11:00 to 23:00 Monday to Sunday
- **Regulated entertainment in the form of Live and recorded music, Performance of Dance and anything Similar** , 11:00 to 23:30 Monday to Sunday

Closing date for representations: 09/07/2023

Last year I and other residents contacted yourselves in relation to the management of the current licence. As things stand we are still experiencing...

-Late night antisocial noise and drinking outside the club on the patio area.

-Music played loudly on the patio area.

- A failure of staff to disperse clients at the end of the evening.

-Verbal abuse directed towards residents when they politely ask patrons of the Club to move on, go inside or keep voices down.

-Doors to venue open when bands or DJ's are performing noise carrying at least 100metres and audible in homes with windows and doors shut.

-Clients leaving the venue with alcohol.

-All of this goes on well past 11.30pm at night.

-No signs outside the club requesting respect towards residents, they were there where have they gone?

You can imagine our alarm in relation to the change/extension of licence application.

It has been extremely short notice, I had been away, I only became aware of it on the 13th of June when we received their letter informing us of their intention. It does not provide a sufficient time frame to raise awareness and allow residents to gather all the relevant information and make representation to other authorities. The signage/advertising in relation to the license is small (A4), is placed in obscure areas and easily missed.

If as in their letter they only plan to hold "very limited number in fact probably only one event" "which would be the music festival" then the obvious question is why do they require such an extensive change in their licence, surely there are other licences that would accommodate a one off annual event!

I would like to know much more detail...

- When was the application submitted.

-Has an event management plan been submitted, if so where/can we see it.

-Has a Safety advisory Group meeting taken place yet if so where/can we see it's results.

-What other types of event will they host.

-What is the limit on site capacity.

How will they manage the increased traffic and parking. This will impact other users of the grounds alongside residents.

- The Welfare Grounds is a large open site what part of it would be used, will they cordon off areas. How will they manage the on site security. Will there be checks and searches for drugs or dangerous weapons being carried into the site, who will do it, how will it be managed. Is there sufficient police manpower in the community to deal with large events of this kind.

- How will the on-site sanitation, cleanliness, power and water be managed.

-Will access to the foot path and bike path be open, in the past when they have had events they have closed the access to others members of the community and residents who have rear access off the path.

Last years music festival was a fiasco in a long history of other poorly run events. Why would we have any confidence in the Club to organise and run a safe, considerate event. I urge you to decline this licence application.

Objector No2

As residents of Ynyscedwyn road we wish to object to the above mentioned License application.

As you are aware from previous correspondence for the last two years, under new management at YRFC residents have been subjected to noise and anti social behaviour most weekends.

In June last year residents were given a circular advising of a forthcoming Music Festival, the circular advised that the event would be well managed.

Previous e mails sent to your department identify that the event was completely mismanaged. The License granted by yourselves was completely inappropriate

as it only allowed for half the number of attendees.

A Meeting was convened between residents, a representative of YRFC committee and Powys County



What came as a surprise was that residents were offered finance from YRFC to pay for a weekend away for the 2023 event!

The application implies that only one event will be held, if a Licence was granted undoubtedly there would be numerous events.

Ystradgynlais already have a venue for these events, the Miners Welfare Hall, events held at the hall are well managed and do not cause disruption to the local residents. Why therefore is there a need for a second venue especially when the second venue is only interested in the sale of alcohol.

We attach for your information a photograph showing the location of the Licence Notice, is it not a requirement to post Licence Application Notices on public thoroughfares not on the private land of the Licencee, we only saw the notice as we had to attend the premises for a covid jab!

Ynyscedwyn road is a residential area, YRFC is supposedly a Rugby Club, why should residents be subjected to all the noise and antisocial behaviour generated by the sale of excessive alcohol. Efforts should be concentrated on the game of Rugby not promoting the sale of alcohol, especially to excess as appears to be the case at this club.

Properties are being devalued, obviously not a concern to licencing, are we entitled to a rate rebate considering all we have to tolerate every weekend, or do you consider as the YRFC Club Chairman voiced recently we should not have bought the properties. Considering some properties were here 50 years before the club house was built this shows his lack of concern.

The ground floor of the stand has been converted into a gymnasium, not itself a problem, however attendees to the gym apparently have to play loud music from approx 8.30 am, at all the gyms that I attended there never was music, residents backing on to the gym have to tolerate the noise when out in their gardens.

No attempt is made by Club Management to limit noise generated from loud music, all doors are left open showing no respect for residents. There are no attempts to move on customers at the end of the night and they stand around in the club car park causing disruption.

We therefore request on behalf of residents that no further License Applications from YRFC be granted.

The current Licence was granted after strong objections by both the Police and residents, the impression that we get is that Licencing will grant whatever YRFC apply for, will you please therefore advise why the sale of alcohol is so important to Powys CC.





YRFC have submitted a Licence Application to hold outdoor events, the attached photographs show how badly YRFC manage these events.

Toilets directly opposite residents properties, individuals urinating through the fence onto the pavement, stage erected directly facing properties no traffic control etc etc.

We will therefore be opposing the application.

The License granted last year did not cover the attendee level hence the late application for a new licence.

Objector No 3

I am one of the long suffering residents of Ynyscedwyn Road, Ystradgynlais, living directly adjacent to the rugby club and playing field for which this open air alcohol licence is being applied for.

We have this week received a letter pushed through the front door from the committee of the rugby club merely saying they have applied for TWO outdoor licences for what they call "a limited number of events on the field."

If ever there was an open-ended attempt to get a licence to hold endless open air festivals, fun days, and whatever other days they can think of throughout the year, without any

control of licensing hours, noise levels, antisocial behaviour, and parking difficulties, then this is it.

I wish to lodge my strongest possible objections to any "carte blanche" licensing application to be considered by Powys Licensing Committee.

With all due respect to the county councillors and officials this application by the rugby club is, in my humble opinion, the thin edge of the wedge.

To put it bluntly we have been blatantly lied to on previous occasions, as we were before last year's music festival, and I see no reason to accept with any confidence what they say in regards to the current application. If it is intended to only hold a limited number of events, why make TWO applications for new licences every day of the week from 11am until 11 30pm, and to cover films and plays for example, when we already have a superb community and welfare hall half a mile away with full programmes of light entertainment ? This why alarm bells are already ringing loudly with us residents.

Once the licence has been granted we will be powerless to get any changes. Ideally, I would like to object to the application in its entirety , But what we can do, hopefully, is to get some stringent conditions to the terms of all outdoor events. I stress ALL outdoor events as I have no doubt whatsoever that if and when a licence is granted it will just open the doors to probably weekly events with no regulations on hours, noise, and unruly behaviour etc.

We have an ongoing problem as it is with weekend outdoor bands and discos on the patio, resulting in constant loud music, late night drinking, and antisocial behaviour, including being verbally abused by the so-called revellers. When we have complained we have received the standard reply...We have a licence to do it ! But now even the facility to complain has been taken from us. We have been blocked from the club's social media page.

We have been informed there is an application for a music festival on Saturday, August 12, on similar lines to last year's festival which was a total fiasco with no thought or consideration to us residents.

My main complaint then, which has been greatly enhanced even more now, was the unacceptable high level of noise from the main stage. Eleven hours of constant and absolute hell, which forced us to sit indoors all day with windows and doors shut, with no relief. It's not even just a loud noise, but a constant pulsating thump of the electronic bass which was so loud the house walls sometimes vibrated. It can honestly drive a person up the wall.

Beforehand, we received a letter telling us the stage would be situated on the other side of the field facing the Trawsffordd industrial units, and away from any residential houses.

On the day, it suddenly changed at extremely short notice to right outside our houses facing us with intolerable levels of noise. We were told the noise was quite loud at the top end of Penrhos about two miles away, so what chance did we residents have less than 50 metres away ?

We were told by one club member the location was changed by the engineers who erected the stage and sound equipment without consultation. Then we were informed it had been

changed to make it easier for people to get their drinks from the clubhouse, even though there were two fully staffed temporary bars on the field.

There were numerous additional "promises" made but not a single one was kept.

We need firm and committed promises on car parking, experienced security staff and stewarding (and not two men in hi-viz jackets sipping a pint by the front entrance). Under age drinking must be controlled and rowdy and drunken behaviour sorted. Location of mens and ladies toilets must be more discreet and not in full view of residents and every single car and bus that went past.

Plus, and this in our opinion is extremely important, bars shut down at 10pm and people dispersed away from the site by 11pm. It is not acceptable that drunken youths and girls are allowed to congregate and behave unruly and offensively, directly outside my house until the early hours.

This occurred as recently as last Saturday, at 11 45pm when my partner had finally endured enough and when she went out to ask them to move away she was met with a barrage of abuse and bad language. We have a video of this episode if anyone cares to see it !

To sum up, if this licence is granted, may we see a full Health and Safety approved risk assessment for the day, dealing with noise level control; the safety and well being of not only people attending the event but also residents; parking; what measures will be in place to prevent under age drinking; toilet and sanitation; level and professionalism of stewards; will there be a police presence to control unsociable behaviour ? what controls will be in place regarding the number attendees throughout the day ? and finally what measures will be taken at the end of the day regarding dispersal of rowdy and drunken revellers ?

That is why we residents urge you to grant one licence at a time for specified events and not an endless time limit for any kind of event, any time of year without control measures in place. For example, I have been told that to erect a main pavilion/stage and portable toilet facilities for one day would not really be cost effective, if another day can be added.

I apologise for the long winded email, but I hope I have expressed the genuine concerns we have on the rapidly diminishing quality of life we are experiencing on a weekly basis. It all stems from the open air bands and disco on the patio which starts at teatime and culminates in late night noise and disturbance. An unregulated series of open air events on this huge scale on the field throughout summer would be the final straw !

I am not claiming it's being engineered by the club, but there is currently a growing campaign on social media in support of the licence, with numerous people lauding the " vision " of the committee in attracting people to visit the town and bringing much needed live entertainment for the community etc etc. It's what Ystradgynlais has needed for a long time is the common theme. I know several of these contributors personally and they include current committee men, members, volunteers, as well as general public. But no-one, absolutely no-one, lives anywhere near the club. They can spend a couple of hours enjoying themselves drinking and listening to loud music, and then disappear to the calmness and

tranquility of their homes when it suits them. We have no choice and have to put up with it from lunchtime to the early hours.

I thank you again for your time and patience in considering my objections. I apologise again for being long winded but I really do hope I managed to convey the genuine anxiety and apprehension we have as residents.

It really is the last chance saloon for us, and all we ask for is a level playing field, if you pardon the pun !! Life could be so much easier and more pleasant if more consideration was given to the noise levels, positioning of the stage away from houses, a compromise on the licensing hours, and professional stewarding to control loud and unruly behaviour. This is not a cultural event.

I make no apology for finally repeating my objection. We have to endure excessively loud music and anti social behaviour almost every weekend of the year and to grant this open air licence allowing nothing more than a drinking and loud music festival until the early hours on a regular basis will amount to a public nuisance and a breach of my rightful entitlement to the enjoyment of my home.

Should you require any further information or observation please do not hesitate to get in touch. We do have photographic evidence of the proximity of the main stage to the houses last year, the totally inadequate toilet facilities in full view of residents and passing traffic, and the traffic cones and other debris recovered from our gardens the following morning, should you require photographic evidence to back our claims.

Diolch yn fawr !

Objector No4

We wish to register our objection for the application by Ystradgynlais Rugby Club for a new premises license.

There is a distinct possibility of an escalation of crime and disorder in the area owing to the increase of alcohol consumption until late at night. The anti social behaviour and extra traffic noise late at night is another inconvenience to people in this area. The possibility of public safety being compromised because of the extra traffic, and extra alcohol consumption which is highly likely. There will be the continual noise nuisance from live music. The Rugby ground has an open boundary which makes it impossible to ensure child safety. There are schools and cycle paths in the area, which may be another consideration.

This is a residential area and utmost consideration should be given when deciding this licensing issue, and justice given to the Council Tax paying residents of this area, many of whom are elderly and can do without more aggravation.

Objector No5

I wish to formally lodge my objection to the licensing application to be considered by the authority in relation for an outdoors music an events licence by Ystradgynlais Rugby Club.

I live in Ynyscedwyn Road, Ystradgynlais, directly opposite and within touching distance of the field in relation to this application, and in my opinion granting of this licence will make our lives even more intolerable than they already are.

I wish to be associated with the letter of objection you have already received regarding this matter and support fellow residents who have also objected. We are extremely concerned at how much the granting of this outdoor licence would blight our lives, even more than it already does.

Even though the rugby club maintain the licence is specifically applied for in relation to a music festival, we fear it will be used to cover general outdoor loud music every weekend. We already suffer from excessively loud music on the so-called "viewing" platform and large congregations of revellers drinking, shouting, singing, and generally causing a nuisance every weekend as it is. Then when the music and drinking stops it spills out on to the streets and childrens play area late into the night and early hours. In fact this happened as recently as last night way past midnight.

To put it bluntly we have been lied to on previous occasions regarding the intentions of the rugby club regarding outdoor festivals and discos, and once the licence has been granted we are powerless.

I repeat my strong objections to the application. Should the application be granted against our wishes, however, can we please ask for firm and committed promises by the rugby club to show some empathy towards us residents and to strictly adhere to the terms and conditions of any licence that is approved, hopefully for individual events not a blanket licence for all outdoor activities.

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Objector No7

I wanted to see the actual Application for licences at "Ystradgynlais Rugby Club".

I have read guidance about making an application and the information that is needed to be provided in an application. I want to see that information please? You can call me on 07812991577 if you wish to.

I would also like to know the nature of the license that is currently in operation at the premises referred to in the Application. I am not in a position to travel to Llandrindod Wells to see such information.

Even without full information I will make representations.

1) There is no such company as "Ystradgynlais Rugby Club Ltd" on the Companies House Register.

2) "Clwb Rygbi Ystradgynlais Ltd" is a private company limited by guarantee and not a community interest company.

3) The "*Playing field Ystradgynlais Rugby Football Club, Ystradgynlais Rugby Football Club, Ynyscedwyn Road, Ystradgynlais, Swansea, SA9 1BH*" referred to in the application is owned by "Ystradgynlais Community Welfare Grounds Association", a Community Interest Organisation registered with the Charities Commission.

4) It is unclear as to what the relationship is between "Clwb Rygbi Ystradgynlais Ltd" and the Ystradgynlais Community Welfare Grounds Association, and with the the playing of rugby on its playing fields under the auspices of the Welsh Rugby Union. This needs to be clarified.

5) There is a carpark on the "Recreation Ground" but there is no parking at the "Rugby Club", when its car park is being used for outdoor events such as a fair or market place. This leads to noise and congestion on Ynyscedwen Road with car parking on the road and sidewalks. This is dangerous and a nuisance as is noise from a fair or people leaving the premises.

6) "Rugby Clubs" have a reputation for misogyny which is offensive to many people at the best of times. "Rugby Clubs" also have a reputation for binge drinking. Alcohol inebriation can fuel such behaviour. Children and other vulnerable persons can be exposed to such influences. <https://fb.watch/lkd2pdxMWi/>

6) I have personally been informed of illicit drug activity at the "Ystradgynlais Rugby Club" premise. I have no personal experience of this but it would be better not allow lax alcohol consumption and partying at this site as this is likely to lead to social disorder.

Mae'r dudalen hon wedi'i gadael yn wag yn fwriadol

ANNEX D1

Supporter No 1

To whom it may concern

With reference to the above application, please see my response in support.

I am a resident in Ystradgynlais and a mother of 2 boys, 1 of whom has previously played rugby, and who attends events there.

Also in 2014 when Powys council put out a consultation to close ALL the specialist units in the schools, the club heavily supported us in fighting this decision.

This included but not limited to, allowing us to attend games and get petitions signed, including an on air/streamed game where our banner was in prime position. Having members of the club do a fundraising London to Cardiff challenge for the local units to have extra equipment. Allowing us free entry to put on events.

Below is my comment on a local post (not by the club) looking for views/support.

100% especially when they give a lot back to the community. Regular charity quiz nights, free grassroots rugby. The more money the club make the longer free sports and events can go on.

I wouldn't have thought they are going to have events every single day, but if it averaged 3-4 nights a week, then that's staff being regularly employed, money going back into the community.

Bringing people to the area, who may then walk into the town to spend money.

A lot of these out side events also offer stalls to local businesses/traders. An excellent opportunity especially for those self employed.

The rugby club also offers a lot of sponsorship deals, again promoting local businesses at all ages when home and away.

A fantastic social media presence, and good links to professional/international places. Again bringing people to the area.

If we don't support what's in our community, then we can't complain that there's nothing to do, what's there to do for kids/teens.

We don't have to attend all the events, but show them it's appreciated, share and like etc.

As for noise/litter/parking issues, the club do their best to alleviate these. Promoting where to park/not to park.

They are all approachable and will work with the community.

Supporter No2

I have today received a letter from a Councillor urging us to oppose the Ystrad RFC licence. I am a resident of Ynyscedwyn Road and I am totally behind the rugby clubs application. The club does wonders for the community and especially grass roots rugby and families.

Supporter No 3

We are a group of residents based in and around the rugby club in Ystradgynlais and want to provide a response in support of the rugby club's recent licensing application:

1. We feel we are representing the silent majority in and around the area and not the minority in the locality who are strongly opposed to this application looking after their self interests rather than the good of the community.
2. The rugby club has in recent years developed as a first class community facility and been at the centre of community development in Ystradgynlais for years. It has developed what we see as local residents as a level of professionalism and quality in the way that they conduct themselves not normally seen in the voluntary sector.
3. Their events are very well run and managed professionally, and provide excellent entertainment and well-being for the whole community. They also undoubtedly have an economic spin off in the local economy as they attract people from far and wide that otherwise wouldn't come to Ystradgynlais
4. The fact that they have only applied for licensing of 5 outdoor events has not been made clear in the application online, as many local people have inaccurately and inadvertently been led to believe that this application will allow the club to put on an indefinite number of events throughout the summer whenever they wish to. If this was the case, I'm sure most people would object (including ourselves) but this, as you know is completely inaccurate, and therefore understandable why people would be in opposition.
5. Following on from 4, the opposition to this licensing application has been skewed and this unfortunately has been exacerbated by the distribution of a scare mongering campaign whereby a local community councillor has unethically undertaken door-to-door leaflet dropping of false information to residents. We therefore believe that any responses you get opposing the application (as they would have been generated on a foundation of inaccurate information), should possibly be discarded in the best interest of fairness and balance in arriving at any decision regarding this licensing application.
6. The club as far as we are concerned living in Ynyscedwyn Road and beyond have been excellent in the advanced communication pre, post and during any events that they have recently put on. Their traffic management and the security measures have been as good as anything and the expected social problems that some neighbours had pre-warned us about had failed to materialise.
7. Ironically, some of our residents have said that the intrusion caused by people knocking our doors, flooding our social media feeds to generate opposition to the club and the leaflet dropping of inaccurate and bias information has been more intrusive to our personal lives than any event that the club has put on!
8. The fact that the club will work with the council's event team in planning events is testimony to how professional this club and its approach to community development is. This partnership and collaboration with the local authority should be applauded and encouraged and used as an example of best practice for other event organisers throughout the county of Powys.
9. This club clearly does things properly and have always placed the interests of the local community and local residents at the very heart at what it does. The fact that a tiny minority living adjacent to the facility are aggressively opposed to any activity that goes on, is self interest at best, and classic 'NIMBY-ism' at worse. Either way, their opposition is definitely not in the best interest of the wider community of Ystradgynlais.
10. The type of community events that the club want to put on compliment the existing programme of cultural events in Ystradgynlais. Currently in the town, the community is

restricted to experiencing a limited programme of indoor events at the excellent Welfare Hall which offers a completely different portfolio to the outdoor events to be staged at the Recreation Ground. So we feel that what the club is offering enhances the overall cultural offer from Ystradgynlais and together in unison with the Welfare Hall's programme, creates a far more attractive, complete and diverse events offer for the town for its residents and visitors to enjoy!

11. The club, given their proven record of professionalism and it's community centred approach, should be encouraged to be sustainable by diversifying the events offer to cater for much wider interests in the community rather than just rugby. The most successful sport venues up and down the country have to do this to survive given the trends in sport club membership and how patterns in sport have changed since lockdown. Not only does it sustain the club as a venue and sport provider, but allowing just 5 well managed and professionally planned and executed outdoor events throughout the Summer in Ystradgynlais, will have a huge bearing on the well-being of the community and local economy.

I hope this helps you make a more balanced decision and presents a fairer assessment of local residents needs and views across a much wider cross-section of the local community. We would never normally feel the need to respond to a licensing application but the way that the opposition to the application has been handled has incensed a lot of local people, and we feel that the actions undertaken have been disproportionate, unjust, uncalled for and even unethical. Perhaps if everyone knew (including the community councillor himself!) that it is only a maximum of 5 outdoor events that they will be allowed to stage, and the false information was not distributed via a scare-mongering campaign, a lot of the opposition would have been correctly informed. This would have resulted in people not being swayed or press-ganged to oppose something that is so needed in our local community.

Thank you so much for your time. If you do require a list of our names and addresses who support this, we would be more than happy to provide this officially as a petition in support of the outdoor community events in our town, but ask that we remain anonymous at this stage for fear of any backlash or pitch-forking from an aggressive opposing group. We do after all want to live in a happy community without hassle and social tensions, but given the way in which this has been handled by a minority of people, we just wanted to make sure that the council are aware of the views of the silent majority. Just to be clear, we have not and will not resort to any dirty-tricks campaigning to influence people's thoughts on this through social media and other propaganda such as the practice of door-to-door leaflet dropping. We also think that maybe if the opposing minority hadn't resorted to those intrusive tactics with mis-information, we could have all sat down to discuss this properly and fairly discussed the facts at hand.

Thank you once again for at least considering our views, and we will accept and respect any decision that the council's licencing committee arrives at.

On behalf of Ystradgynlais Recreation Ground Local Community Group.

Supporter No4

I would to offer my full. support

I live by the club and can see how the club is the heartbeat of the community. Some much charity work and community work goes on. I offer my FULL support to this application. Its a family club, thats fully inclusive.

Unfortunately it seems via social media that a local town councillor is on a one man crusade against the club. Alot of untruths and even fake email addresses and profile have been developed by this individual.

This is unfair on the great work and effort club makes with local residents like myself.

Thanks

Supporter No5

To whom this may concern,

I am writing in support of the licence application submitted by Ystradgynlais RFC LTD, in regards to the licencing hours from Monday to Sunday and the right to host events during these times.

I support they're application for the reasons outlined below:

The club is an integral part of the community of Ystradgynlais providing essential activities that support the wellbeing of local children and adults.

The club is always eager to support events held by local schools, voluntary and community groups where possible.

The club is run by unpaid representatives who give up their free time to ensure a programme of events is rolled out around the year, providing reasonably priced, accessible entertainment to our area.

Events are always well attended and well supported by the community from young to old, welcoming neighbouring clubs and societies.

Ystradgynlais is known to be one of the main areas in Powys affected by poverty therefore events that bring the community together are important in promoting community spirit.

There is little, if any reports of incidences such as police or ambulance attendance needed at these events.

The neighbours are consulted and actions taken to promote their privacy and respect by the club during events, such as trying to prevent problem parking, notices about noise pollution late at night, waste bins provided etc, to minimise inconvenience to the neighbours.

I would add that I do not live in the direct housing adjacent to the club, therefore I am not able to report effects they may experience that others wouldn't expect it think of.

I would also urge those who may have concerns to approach yourselves in this capacity.