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**Gwasanaethau Gweithredol a Phartneriaethol /
Operational and Partnership Services**

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Ein cyf / Our ref:
Eich cyf / Your ref:

Dyddiad/Date: 21 March 2017

Dear Councillor,

LICENSING ACT 2003 SUB-COMMITTEE (A)

A meeting of the Licensing Act 2003 Sub-Committee (A) will be held in the Council Chamber, Civic Offices Angel Street Bridgend CF31 4WB on **Monday, 27 March 2017 at 10.00 am.**

AGENDA

1. Apologies for Absence
To receive apologies for absence from Members.
2. Declarations of Interest
To receive Declarations of personal and prejudicial interest (if any) from members/ officers in accordance with the provisions of the Members Code of Conduct adopted by Council from the 1st September 2008.
3. Licensing Act 2003: Section 17 Application for Premises Licence, Village Cafe and Function Room, Bettws Life Centre, Bettws 3 - 38

Yours faithfully

P A Jolley

Corporate Director Operational and Partnership Services

Councillors:
RM James

Councillors
JE Lewis

Councillors
R Williams

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BRIDGEND COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

REPORT TO SPECIAL LICENSING ACT 2003 SUB COMMITTEE

27 MARCH 2017

REPORT OF THE CORPORATE DIRECTOR OPERATIONAL AND PARTNERSHIP SERVICES

LICENSING ACT 2003 : SECTION 17 APPLICATION FOR PREMISES LICENCE VILLAGE CAFÉ AND FUNCTION ROOM BETTWS LIFE CENTRE BETTWS

1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 This is an application made by NSA Afan Community Regeneration Limited for a new Premises Licence for the above premises. The premises consists of a Café, Bar and Function Hall at the Life Centre.

2. Connection to Corporate Improvement Plan / Other Corporate Priority

- 2.1 None.

3. Background

- 3.1 A copy of the application form is attached at Appendix A together with the proposed licence plan.
- 3.2 The application is for a Premises Licence which authorises the supply of alcohol for consumption on the premises only. In addition, application is made for the licensable activities of regulated entertainment to include plays, recorded music and live music as specified in the application during the following standard hours:

Monday to Sunday 0900 to 2400 hours
Hours open to the public 0900 hours to 0030 hours.

The operating schedule setting out the steps the applicant intends to promote the licensing objectives is set out in Section 18 boxes a) to e) of the application form. Should the premises licence be granted, these measures would be translated into licence conditions subject to any amendments set out by the Responsible Authorities below.

- 3.3 The application has been advertised in accordance with Regulations.

4. Current situation / proposal.

4.1 Representations have been received from the Chief Officer of Police which are set out at Appendix B.

4.2 Representations have been received from other parties which are set out in Appendices C-F. Representations have been redacted to include only relevant representations as follows:

Objector A: Laura Davies c/o Bettws Community Club, The Old Village, Bettws, Bridgend CF32 8TA

Objector B: Samuel Rees-Thomas, c/o 153 Mill View, Maesteg CF34 0DP

Objector C: Aaron Williams, 64 Pen-y-Mynydd, Bettws, Bridgend CF32 8SB

Objector D: Roz Stirman – no address

4.3 At the time of preparing this report these representations had not been withdrawn and an update will be requested at the hearing.

4.4 The Sub-Committee must have regard to the Council's Statement of Licensing Policy and the Home Office Guidance issued under Section 182 of the Licensing Act 2003. However, the Sub-Committee must consider each application on its own merits having regard to the application, the operating schedule submitted and the representations made.

4.5 Sections 2, 8, 9 and 10 and of the Home Office Guidance apply to this application.

There are no specific local licensing policies applicable to the Bettws area of the County Borough.

5. Effect upon Policy Framework & Procedure Rules.

5.1 None

6. Equality Impact Assessment.

6.1 A full Equality Impact Assessment has not been undertaken in relation to this service, however due regard has been given to the implications on persons protected by equality legislation and human rights. Adverse impact of this Legislation on the equality protected groups is very unlikely. Consideration has been given to the guidance issued to accompany the Licensing Act 2003 relating to need to eliminate duplication and conflict with existing disability legislation and to reference and highlight the Council's Race Equality Scheme, policies and codes of conduct to applicants. We do not consider, on the basis of the above, that a detailed Equality Impact Assessment is required for this service. In line with our Inclusive Equalities Scheme we will monitor for any adverse impacts that may develop.

7. Financial Implications.

7.1 None

8. Recommendation.

- 8.1 The Sub-Committee is asked to determine the application having regard to the Council's Statement of Licensing Policy and the Guidance issued by the Home Office together with the representations made by the Police and other parties.
- 8.2 The Sub-Committee is requested to confirm if the Licence is granted whether any additional conditions are to be imposed or only those which are consistent with and set out in the operating schedule. Section 10 of the Home Office Guidance relates to conditions attached to Premises Licences, Mandatory conditions will apply to the licence, if granted, in respect of the specification of a Designated Premises Supervisor, age verification policy and authorisation by personal licence holders.

Andrew Jolley
Corporate Director Operational and Partnership Services
Date: 21 March 2017

Contact Officer: Yvonne Witchell
Team Manager Licensing

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E-mail: Yvonne.Witchell @bridgend.gov.uk

Postal Address Civic Offices, Angel Street, Bridgend, CF31 4WB

Background documents

Application for Premises Licence
Representations

Council's Statement of Licensing Policy available at www.bridgend.gov.uk

Amended Guidance issued under Section 182 of the Licensing Act 2003 – March 2015
available at www.homeoffice.gov.uk

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[Insert name and address of relevant licensing authority and its reference number (optional).]

**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.

/We NSA Afan

(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			
Village Café and Function Room Bettws Life Centre Bettws Road Bettws			
Post town	Bridgend	Postcode	CF32 8TB
Telephone number at premises (if any)		None. Contact on 	
Non-domestic rateable value of premises		£18,500	

Part 2 - Applicant Details

Please state whether you are applying for a premises licence as

Please tick as appropriate

- | | | |
|---|--------------------------|-----------------------------|
| a) an individual or individuals * | <input type="checkbox"/> | please complete section (A) |
| b) a person other than an individual * | | |
| i. as a limited company | <input type="checkbox"/> | please complete section (B) |
| ii. as a partnership | <input type="checkbox"/> | please complete section (B) |
| iii. as an unincorporated association or | <input type="checkbox"/> | please complete section (B) |
| iv. other (for example a statutory corporation) | <input type="checkbox"/> | please complete section (B) |

- c) a recognised club please complete section (B)
- d) a charity please complete section (B)
- e) the proprietor of an educational establishment please complete section (B)
- f) a health service body please complete section (B)
- g) a person who is registered under Part 2 of the Care Standards Act 2000 (c14) in respect of an independent hospital in Wales please complete section (B)
- ga) a person who is registered under Chapter 2 of Part 1 of the Health and Social Care Act 2008 (within the meaning of that Part) in an independent hospital in England please complete section (B)
- h) the chief officer of police of a police force in England and Wales please complete section (B)

* If you are applying as a person described in (a) or (b) please confirm:

Please tick yes

I am carrying on or proposing to carry on a business which involves the use of the premises for licensable activities; or

I am making the application pursuant to a
 statutory function or
 a function discharged by virtue of Her Majesty's prerogative

(A) INDIVIDUAL APPLICANTS (fill in as applicable)

Mr <input type="checkbox"/>	Mrs <input type="checkbox"/>	Miss <input type="checkbox"/>	Ms <input type="checkbox"/>	Other Title (for example, Rev)	
Surname			First names		
I am 18 years old or over				<input type="checkbox"/> Please tick yes	
Current postal address if different from premises address					
Post town				Postcode	
Daytime contact telephone number					
E-mail address (optional)					

SECOND INDIVIDUAL APPLICANT (if applicable)

Mr <input type="checkbox"/>	Mrs <input type="checkbox"/>	Miss <input type="checkbox"/>	Ms <input type="checkbox"/>	Other Title (for example, Rev)	
Surname			First names		
I am 18 years old or over				<input type="checkbox"/>	Please tick yes
Current postal address if different from premises address					
Post town				Postcode	
Daytime contact telephone number					
E-mail address (optional)					

(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 NSA Afan Community Regeneration Limited
Address NSA Afan Ty Arian Silver Avenue Sandfields Port Talbot SA127RX
Registered number (where applicable) 1088934 (Charity No.) 3674953 (Company No.)
Description of applicant (for example, partnership, company, unincorporated association etc.) NSA Afan is a registered charity, development trust and company limited by guarantee.
Telephone number (if any) 01639 870067
E-mail address (optional)

Part 3 Operating Schedule

When do you want the premises licence to start?

DD	MM	YYYY
0	2	032017

If you wish the licence to be valid only for a limited period, when do you want it to end?

DD	MM	YYYY

Please give a general description of the premises (please read guidance note 1)
 NSA Afan has recently secured the long term lease of the Cafe, bar and function hall at the Life Centre in Bettws. Previously occupied by Groundwork who has now ceased trading, NSA Afan aims to use the facility for community use. This will include functions, birthday parties, sporting occasions, meetings, conferences, training events and recreational activities such as dance and fitness sessions.

If 5,000 or more people are expected to attend the premises at any one time, please state the number expected to attend.

NA

What licensable activities do you intend to carry on from the premises?

(Please see sections 1 and 14 of the Licensing Act 2003 and Schedules 1 and 2 to the Licensing Act 2003)

Provision of regulated entertainment

Please tick any that apply

- a) plays (if ticking yes, fill in box A)
- b) films (if ticking yes, fill in box B)
- c) indoor sporting events (if ticking yes, fill in box C)
- d) boxing or wrestling entertainment (if ticking yes, fill in box D)
- e) live music (if ticking yes, fill in box E)
- f) recorded music (if ticking yes, fill in box F)
- g) performances of dance (if ticking yes, fill in box G)
- h) anything of a similar description to that falling within (e), (f) or (g) (if ticking yes, fill in box H)

Provision of late night refreshment (if ticking yes, fill in box I)

Supply of alcohol (if ticking yes, fill in box J)

In all cases complete boxes K, L and M

A

Plays Standard days and timings (please read guidance note 6)			<u>Will the performance of a play take place indoors or outdoors or both – please tick</u> (please read guidance note 2) Indoors	Indoors	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Day	Start	Finish		Outdoors	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mon	09:00	24:00	<u>Please give further details here</u> (please read guidance note 3)	Both	<input type="checkbox"/>
Tue	09:00	24:00			
Wed	09:00	24:00	<u>State any seasonal variations for performing plays</u> (please read guidance note 4)		
Thur	09:00	24:00			
Fri	09:00	24:00	<u>Non standard timings. Where you intend to use the premises for the performance of plays at different times to those listed in the column on the left, please list</u> (please read guidance note 5)		
Sat	09:00	24:00			
Sun	09:00	24:00			
Mon	09:00	24:00			

B

Films Standard days and timings (please read guidance note 6)			<u>Will the exhibition of films take place indoors or outdoors or both – please tick</u> (please read guidance note 2)	Indoors	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
				Outdoors	<input type="checkbox"/>
				Both	<input type="checkbox"/>
Day	Start	Finish	<u>Please give further details here</u> (please read guidance note 3)		
Mon	09:00	24:00			
Tue	09:00	24:00			
Wed	09:00	24:00	<u>State any seasonal variations for the exhibition of films</u> (please read guidance note 4)		
Thur	09:00	24:00			
Fri	09:00	24:00	<u>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</u> (please read guidance note 5)		
Sat	09:00	24:00			
Sun	09:00	24:00			
Mon	09:00	24:00			

C

Indoor sporting events Standard days and timings (please read guidance note 6)			<u>Please give further details</u> (please read guidance note 3)
Day	Start	Finish	
Mon	09:00	24:00	
Tue	09:00	24:00	<u>State any seasonal variations for indoor sporting events</u> (please read guidance note 4)
Wed	09:00	24:00	
Thur	09:00	24:00	<u>Non standard timings. Where you intend to use the premises for indoor sporting events at different times to those listed in the column on the left, please list</u> (please read guidance note 5)
Fri	09:00	24:00	
Sat	09:00	24:00	
Sun	09:00	24:00	

D

Boxing or wrestling entertainments Standard days and timings (please read guidance note 6)			<u>Will the boxing or wrestling entertainment take place indoors or outdoors or both – please tick</u> (please read guidance note 2)	Indoors <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
				Outdoors <input type="checkbox"/>	
				Both <input type="checkbox"/>	
Day	Start	Finish	<u>Please give further details here</u> (please read guidance note 3)		
Mon	09:00	24:00			
Tue	09:00	24:00	<u>State any seasonal variations for boxing or wrestling entertainment</u> (please read guidance note 4)		
Wed	09:00	24:00			
Thur	09:00	24:00	<u>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</u> (please read guidance note 5)		
Fri	09:00	24:00			
Sat	09:00	24:00			
Sun	09:00	24:00			

E

Live music Standard days and timings (please read guidance note 6)			Will the performance of live music take place indoors or outdoors or both – please tick (please read guidance note 2)	Indoors	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
				Outdoors	<input type="checkbox"/>
				Both	<input type="checkbox"/>
Day	Start	Finish	Please give further details here (please read guidance note 3)		
Mon	09:00	24:00			
Tue	09:00	24:00			
Wed	09:00	24:00			
Thur	09:00	24:00			
			State any seasonal variations for the performance of live music (please read guidance note 4)		
Fri	09:00	24:00	Non standard timings. Where you intend to use the premises for the performance of live music at different times to those listed in the column on the left, please list (please read guidance note 5)		
Sat	09:00	24:00			
Sun	09:00	24:00			

F

Recorded music Standard days and timings (please read guidance note 6)			Will the playing of recorded music take place <u>indoors or outdoors or both – please tick</u> (please read guidance note 2)	Indoors	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Day	Start	Finish		Outdoors	<input type="checkbox"/>
				Both	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mon	09:00	24:00	<u>Please give further details here</u> (please read guidance note 3)		
Tue	09:00	24:00			
Wed	09:00	24:00	<u>State any seasonal variations for the playing of recorded music</u> (please read guidance note 4)		
Thur	09:00	24:00			
Fri	09:00	24:00	<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 5)		
Sat	09:00	24:00			
Sun	09:00	24:00			

G

Performances of dance Standard days and timings (please read guidance note 6)			<u>Will the performance of dance take place indoors or outdoors or both – please tick</u> (please read guidance note 2)	Indoors	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
				Outdoors	<input type="checkbox"/>
				Both	<input type="checkbox"/>
Day	Start	Finish	<u>Please give further details here</u> (please read guidance note 3)		
Mon	09:00	24:00			
Tue	09:00	24:00			
Wed	09:00	24:00	<u>State any seasonal variations for the performance of dance</u> (please read guidance note 4)		
Thur	09:00	24:00			
Fri	09:00	24:00	<u>Non standard timings. Where you intend to use the premises for the performance of dance at different times to those listed in the column on the left, please list</u> (please read guidance note 5)		
Sat	09:00	24:00			
Sun	09:00	24:00			

H

Anything of a similar description to that falling within (e), (f) or (g) Standard days and timings (please read guidance note 6)			Please give a description of the type of entertainment you will be providing		
Day	Start	Finish	<u>Will this entertainment take place indoors or outdoors or both – please tick</u> (please read guidance note 2)	Indoors	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mon				Outdoors	<input type="checkbox"/>
				Both	<input type="checkbox"/>
Tue			<u>Please give further details here</u> (please read guidance note 3)		
Wed					
Thur			<u>State any seasonal variations for entertainment of a similar description to that falling within (e), (f) or (g)</u> (please read guidance note 4)		
Fri					
Sat			<u>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</u> (please read guidance note 5)		
Sun					

I

Late night refreshment Standard days and timings (please read guidance note 6)			Will the provision of late night refreshment take place indoors or outdoors or both – please tick (please read guidance note 2)	Indoors	<input type="checkbox"/>
				Outdoors	<input type="checkbox"/>
				Both	<input type="checkbox"/>
Day	Start	Finish	<u>Please give further details here</u> (please read guidance note 3)		
Mon					
Tue					
Wed			<u>State any seasonal variations for the provision of late night refreshment</u> (please read guidance note 4)		
Thur					
Fri			<u>Non standard timings. Where you intend to use the premises for the provision of late night refreshment at different times, to those listed in the column on the left, please list</u> (please read guidance note 5)		
Sat					
Sun					

J

Supply of alcohol Standard days and timings (please read guidance note 6)			Will the supply of alcohol be for consumption – please tick (please read guidance note 7)	On the premises	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
				Off the premises	<input type="checkbox"/>
				Both	<input type="checkbox"/>
Day	Start	Finish	State any seasonal variations for the supply of alcohol (please read guidance note 4)		
Mon	12:00	24:00			
Tue	12:00	24:00			
Wed	12:00	24:00			
Thur	12:00	24:00			
Fri	12:00	24:00			
Sat	12:00	24:00			
Sun	12:00	24:00			
			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 5)		
			Alcohol will be supplied until 00.30 on New Year's Eve.		

State the name and details of the individual whom you wish to specify on the licence as designated premises supervisor:

Name	
[Redacted]	
Address	
[Redacted]	
Postcode	
Personal licence number (if known)	
Course completed, awaiting DBS Pending	

Issuing licensing authority (if known)
BCBC

K

Please highlight any adult entertainment or services, activities, other entertainment or matters ancillary to the use of the premises that may give rise to concern in respect of children (please read guidance note 8).

These will be concerned only in the following:-

- 1. Showing of films – dependant on censor level of film PG,12,15,18.
Admittance to any screenings will be strictly monitored and any publicity materials will be monitored for suitability for any children. Location of publicity materials will also be limited as relevant.**
- 2. Live artist shows may contain limited adult content – swearing, adult themes, sexual references.**

L

Hours premises are open to the public Standard days and timings (please read guidance note 6)			<u>State any seasonal variations</u> (please read guidance note 4)
Day	Start	Finish	
Mon	9:00	00:30	
Tue	9:00	00:30	
Wed	9:00	00:30	
Thur	9:00	00:30	<u>Non standard timings. Where you intend the premises to be open to the public at different times from those listed in the column on the left, please list</u> (please read guidance note 5)
Fri	9:00	00:30	New Year's Eve 01:00 (New Year's Day)
Sat	9:00	00:30	

Sun	11:00	00:30	

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 9)

- 1) We will ensure that we have responsible, committed and well trained staff in order to ensure that the facility is viewed as a benchmark for similar facilities in the area.
- 2) All our staff will be advised on licensing law in writing before they are allowed to sell alcohol.
- 3) Training will be provided for both new and existing staff on our specific policies relating to alcohol sales, child protection, underage drinking, health and safety, crime and disorder.

b) The prevention of crime and disorder

- 1) Our facility has an intruder alarm coupled with a key holding service to ensure the protection of the facility. This is provided through Bluestone Security.
- 2) CCTV is installed by the premises owners BCBC both inside and outside the facility.
- 3) We will eject or refuse entry to persons from the premises if they do not meet our admission's standards or they are known to be violent or aggressive.
- 4) We will log such incidents in a log book
- 5) We will contact the police if customers are suspected of being in possession of drugs or weapons or in any potential incident as detailed in 3). All staff will be made aware of this requirement

c) Public safety

- 1) A full risk assessment taking into account public safety will be completed at the premises to identify potential hazards to staff or customers. We will put precautions in place to manage the hazards. We will review the risk assessment annually.
- 2) First aid kit is available at the premises and all stock is maintained and up to date
- 3) We will ensure that at least one member of staff has a current and valid First Aid qualification
- 4) Any accidents will be documented in our accident log book
- 5) We will adopt a glass collection policy to ensure regular collection of glassware by staff and the prevention of glassware being taken into external areas. We will ensure all staff are made aware of this.
- 6) All spillages and broken glass will be cleaned up immediately to ensure no slips, trips or falls. (This will be included in our risk assessment)
- 7) The facility is fitted with its own fire detection system and is tested regularly and logged
- 8) We have safe and accessible means of escape clear of any obstacles or obstruction. We also have a clear, visible area of congregation in the event of a fire
- 9) All equipment is checked and maintained regularly with records kept of the date and findings of the checks

d) The prevention of public nuisance

- 1) We will encourage patrons consider our neighbours and to behave in a quiet and respectful manner when the leaving the premises by displaying prominent signs.
- 2) Steps will be undertaken to prevent noise breakout from the premises e.g. windows will be closed while the premises licence is in use, load speakers will be located away from doors and windows, doors will be fitted with self-closing devices
- 3) Smoking areas will be located away from residential premises.
- 4) External lighting will be turned off after the premises are closed to the public.
- 5) Security lighting will be positioned to minimise disturbance to our neighbours.

e) The protection of children from harm

- 1) We will restrict access to children depending on the nature or circumstances
- 2) The admittance of children will only be permitted if they are accompanied by an adult
- 3) We will adopt a strict "No ID – No Sale" policy. We will familiarise ourselves with the "Challenge 21" scheme which will be used as a reminder to staff of the need to be vigilant in preventing under age sales at all times.
- 4) We will display posters at the premises stating that it is an offence to purchase alcohol on behalf of an underage person
- 5) We have a "Safeguarding" Policy in place and we will continue to ensure that measures are put in place to protect children from harm. This will include the sale of alcohol and the provision of regulated entertainment and when children should be allowed on or restricted from the premises
- 6) All staff will be trained on the policy

Checklist:


Please tick to indicate agreement

- I have made or enclosed payment of the fee.
- I have enclosed the plan of the premises.
- I have sent copies of this application and the plan to responsible authorities and others where applicable.
- I have enclosed the consent form completed by the individual I wish to be designated premises supervisor, if applicable.
- I understand that I must now advertise my application.
- I understand that if I do not comply with the above requirements my application will be rejected.

IT IS AN OFFENCE, LIABLE ON SUMMARY CONVICTION TO A FINE NOT EXCEEDING LEVEL 5 ON THE STANDARD SCALE, UNDER SECTION 158 OF THE LICENSING ACT 2003, TO MAKE A FALSE STATEMENT IN OR IN CONNECTION WITH THIS APPLICATION.

Part 4 – Signatures (please read guidance note 10)

Signature of applicant or applicant's solicitor or other duly authorised agent (see guidance note 11).
If signing on behalf of the applicant, please state in what capacity.

Signature	
Date	18-01-2017
Capacity	NSA Afan Betws Communiuty Project's Facilities Administrator

For joint applications, signature of 2nd applicant or 2nd applicant's solicitor or other authorised agent (please read guidance note 12). If signing on behalf of the applicant, please state in what capacity.

Signature	
Date	
Capacity	

Contact name (where not previously given) and postal address for correspondence associated with this application (please read guidance note 13)			
[REDACTED]			
Post town	[REDACTED]	Postcode	[REDACTED]
Telephone number (if any)	[REDACTED]		
If you would prefer us to correspond with you by e-mail, your e-mail address (optional) rob.bettwsbgc@btinternet.com			

Notes for Guidance

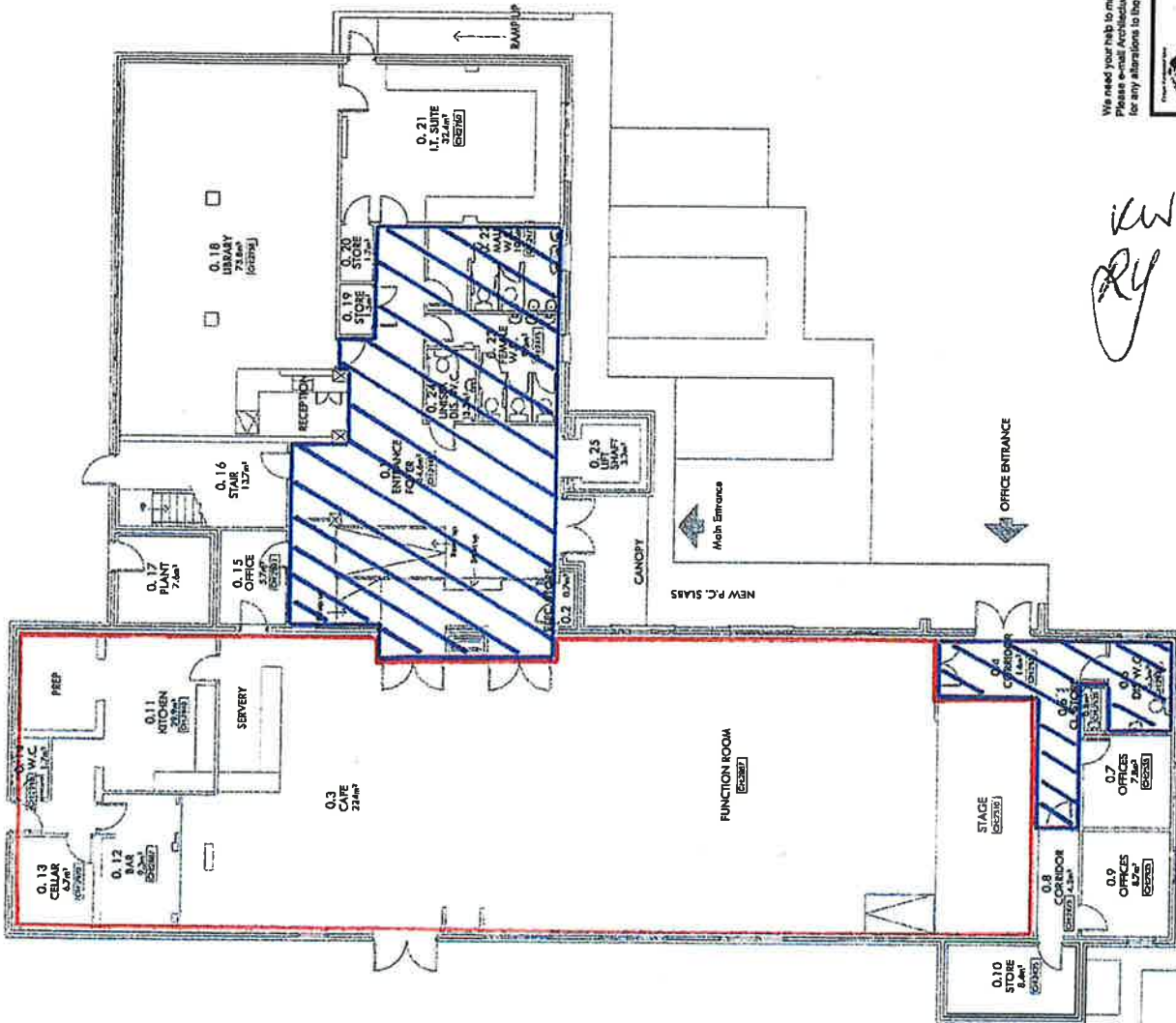
1. Describe the premises, for example the type of premises, its general situation and layout and any other information which could be relevant to the licensing objectives. Where your application includes off-supplies of alcohol and you intend to provide a place for consumption of these off-supplies, you must include a description of where the place will be and its proximity to the premises.
2. Where taking place in a building or other structure please tick as appropriate (indoors may include a tent).
3. For example the type of activity to be authorised, if not already stated, and give relevant further details, for example (but not exclusively) whether or not music will be amplified or unamplified.
4. For example (but not exclusively), where the activity will occur on additional days during the summer months.
5. For example (but not exclusively), where you wish the activity to go on longer on a particular day e.g. Christmas Eve.
6. Please give timings in 24 hour clock (e.g. 16:00) and only give details for the days of the week when you intend the premises to be used for the activity.
7. If you wish people to be able to consume alcohol on the premises, please tick 'on the premises'. If you wish people to be able to purchase alcohol to consume away from the premises, please tick 'off the premises'. If you wish people to be able to do both, please tick 'both'.
8. Please give information about anything intended to occur at the premises or ancillary to the use of the premises which may give rise to concern in respect of children, regardless of whether you intend children to have access to the premises, for example (but not exclusively) nudity or semi-nudity, films for restricted age groups or the presence of gaming machines.
9. Please list here steps you will take to promote all four licensing objectives together.
10. The application form must be signed.
11. An applicant's agent (for example solicitor) may sign the form on their behalf provided that they have actual authority to do so.
12. Where there is more than one applicant, each of the applicant or their respective agent must sign the application form.
13. This is the address which we shall use to correspond with you about this application.

PLAN 1

We need your help to maintain the accuracy of this data. Please e-mail Architectural.Services@bridgend.gov.uk for any alterations to the plans.



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Cc: NSA Afan Community Regeneration Ltd.



RE: OBJECTION NOTICE

RE: APPLICATION TO GRANT A PREMISES LICENCE UNDER SECTION 17 OF THE LICENSING ACT 2003

The South Wales Police (SWP) refer to the above grant application and inform Bridgend County Borough Council Licensing Authority that there are police objections in respect to this application from the premises to trade as Village café and function room, Bettws Life Centre, Bettws Road, Bettws, Bridgend CF32 8TB.

This application is made on behalf of Chief Superintendent Parfitt, the Chief Officer of Police who is of the view that the likely effect of the grant of this application on the licensing objectives would be to increase crime and disorder, public safety, public nuisance and the protection of children from harm in the vicinity of the premises and will no doubt add a negative impact to the family orientated public building.

Having regard to the information submitted in the Operating Schedule, South Wales Police are of the opinion that the operating schedule does not take into consideration the current climate of this existing building or the exceptional risk that the sale and consumption of alcohol will bring. The four licensing objectives are not being met and the application falls short of these expectations. The lack of self-governance will no doubt lead to a negative increase in crime and disorder and coupled with alcohol these can escalate quite significantly.

Background to Premises

The Bettws Life centre is a public building containing offices, a library a community hall and a café. Therefore, the grant of this application for a licensed premises is detailed as being contained within the community hall and the café. The application has not considered how the influence of alcohol consumption and alcohol sales are not going to have a detrimental effect on key community services that already share this same building. Key services that are currently on the decline in other areas.

The life centre was previously licensed which was issued in April 2007 however this was surrendered in 2014 as the company went into arrears. This current application is not dissimilar to the previous one. Whereas this premises licence holder will be held by a company called NSA Afan and the day to day controller, the Designated Premises supervisor will be controlled at the local level. However, how this business plan will operate is confusing as there appears to be a clear lack of communication between the application and its operation.

In 2016 two temporary event notices were given at the premises and in 2017 there have also been two further temporary event notices. The TENS system has not been readily utilised to show an effective business model and that there is a need for this type of establishment in this area. The applicants have not tested that there is a case to answer at that this will be a successfully run premises.

The hours the premises wishes to be open are between 09.00 and 00.30 hours, Monday to Sunday, with one seasonal variation for New Years Day.

The application has asked for all licensable activity, including adult entertainment apart from late night refreshment. The café therefore will not be serving food after 23.00 hours.

The late hours that this application requires is over and above those that have been deregulated by government and so measures should be expressed within this application to show how the licensing objectives will be upheld.

In short, SWP request that appropriate measures need to be applied for should this application wish to be considered. The application either needs to remove its late hours or add extensive control measures to this application to prevent the sale of alcohol becoming negative for the community.

Revised Guidance issued under Section 162 of the Licensing Act 2003: March 2015 Representations from the police

9.12 In their role as a responsible authority, the police are an essential source of advice and information on the impact and potential impact of licensable activities, particularly on the crime and disorder objective. The police have a key role in managing the night-time economy and should have good working relationships with those operating in their local area. The police should be the licensing authority's main source of advice on matters relating to the promotion of the crime and disorder licensing objective, but may also be able to make relevant representations with regard to the other licensing objectives if they have evidence to support such representations. The licensing authority should accept all reasonable and proportionate representations made by the police unless the authority has evidence that to do so would not be appropriate for the promotion of the licensing objectives. However, it remains incumbent on the police to ensure that their representations can withstand the scrutiny to which they would be subject at a hearing.

The licensing objectives are the area of self-regulation that ascertains how a premises can run lawfully in relation to the Licensing Act. This current application does not deal with disorderly

scenarios in relation to the negative effects of alcohol. It does not consider crime, underage, or disorderly conduct on licensed premises. It does not consider any procedures up to the point of sale of alcohol, it does not take into consideration the environment that it wishes to sell the alcohol in and it makes no measures on how to protect the existing populace that use this building to those new ones that wish to attend there to consume alcohol and watch adult entertainment.

The Operating Schedule

1. This application wishes to sell alcohol from 12.00 hours to 24.00 hours, Monday to Sunday with a seasonal variation for New Year's Day. 84 hours a week, 7 days a week. This is excessive. Especially in a community area, in a community premises and in close proximity to houses and schools. Especially when other types of regulated entertainment including adult entertainment wishes to have the same hours. The hours this premises wishes to operate must be reduced or adequate measures like extra staff, front line registered door security providers and other safety measures need to be adopted to make sure this premises is run safely and therefore not have a negative effect on the community.

2. The application wishes to sell alcohol 'On' the premises only. It doesn't state how glasses will be prevented from going into the car park, into the library or into other parts of the building. Again the application has not considered the environment, with the balance of any risk that can be caused with potential glass and bottles being used as weapons, or accidentally by being smashed by accident.

3. The type of alcoholic products that the applicant wants to sell has not been specified and high (alcohol by volume) ABV products that have been shown to have a negative effect on the community especially in community areas such as these. The application has made no mention of how alcohol will not have a negative effect on the community, especially as they will be able to drink from 12.00 pm, onwards.

4. No existing licensing offences have been considered for this application. Therefore the application is not accepting the responsibility of any of the risks that take place in regard to alcohol. It does not even prohibit the sale, for example, to a meal only, or to measured controls over the sales, or even whether high pricing on certain products to make them less attractive is going to be used.

6. The application is misleading in relation to CCTV. There is 1 cameras situated in the café and one camera situated in the hall. These cameras are not even accessible by the operators of this premises licence, who will have no access to copy them, to see if they operate or even if they are suitable. Live music and strobe / disco lighting is in use in the hall and suitable high definition adjustable cameras need to be employed to work effectively in this type of area if they are to do the job correctly.

For CCTV cameras to be a good preventative tool or to even detect crime and disorder, they need to be of good evidential quality, produced in a format approved by the police and the images need to be held for a full calendar month (of 31 days) The cameras should be adequate to cover all public areas and the system must be operational at all times and checked every time.

7. Also, how will this premises be able to put CCTV cameras in other areas that they do not control, where potential consumption of alcohol can take place? Or where crime and disorder, due to alcohol, can take place. The toilets are situated in a shared public area that all of the other units share. Therefore further offences under the Licensing Act, once the persons has left the bar area can be prevalent as these areas will not be monitored by serving staff. The application does nothing to consider the perimeter of the building, the effect of the smoking area, or even the point of entry.

8. Under public safety no consideration has been given for the safe use of glass, bottles, which can leave long term damage when used as a weapon. The application states it will adopt a glass collection policy, but it fails to explain what this is. It fails to remedy how it will prevent glassware going outside when people want to smoke. In fact it also fails to mention a smoking area, or how it will manage smokers so that they do not make a public nuisance.

9. The protection of children from harm objective, is one of the gravest of concerns that SWP have, should this grant application go ahead. Adult entertainment and no explanation on how access to children will be restricted. This premises clearly does not wish to operate as a community hall and wants to cover itself for every eventually, but by offering no good measures or practises. Adult entertainment must be removed, for the safety of all other occupants that use this public building or it has to be restricted so tightly that disorderly conduct will not be freely encouraged.

10. The grant of this application will no doubt have such a negative impact on the community that it says it wants to serve. Yet offers no measures to protect the residents from anti-social behaviour and public nuisance.

11. Currently no risk has been identified in relation to proxy sales, or the consumption of alcohol by a person under the age of 18. Bearing in mind that the area is in close proximity to local schools and children are known to frequent the area, mostly without adult supervision. The area is also known to have been graded as an anti-social behaviour hot spot. Where children like to hang out and cause a nuisance. These children are often unsupervised and the application makes no measures on what the premises will do to not experience further anti-social behaviour by children. Types of anti-social behaviour data can be supplied at a later date to evidence the issues reported in the area.

South Wales Police does not see how the conditions offered protect children from potential harm associated with the effects of drinking, further reports can be highlighted to evidence the effects that underage drinking has in relation to the health service and the police service.

At this current time, South Wales Police believes that an objection notice is a necessary and proportionate step in order to address the problems with this application and to advise that as it currently stands, it should not be granted.

South Wales Police take a 'light touch' to all of its licensed premises within the Bridgend borough and attention from the police licensing team is not warranted until repetitive complaints are received. This is a rare stance that SWP take, and would fully support the applicant should he wish to remove this application and consider a new one with our guidance. Discussions have been arranged with the applicant's representative yet there appears to be misguided ideal of how the premises wishes to operate.

South Wales Police therefore cannot support this grant application and believe that a hearing is necessary and proportionate.

Yours sincerely,



Sarah EGAN
Central WEST Licensing Police Constable

OBJECTOR A - LAURA DAVIES

In respect of the current premises license application numbered 681 by Bridgend County Borough Council, I would like to formally object to the application based on the following points, which are focussed around the current licensing objectives.

3 – Prevention of Public Nuisance

*As an existing area where young people congregate, a licensed premises would be inappropriate

4 – Protection of children from harm

*Increased risk of anti-social behaviour

*the only accessible space outside for smoking will be directly opposite and in full view of 2 primary schools, children's private nursery and all children using current library facilities.

*There is no area available where children would not be exposed to a licensed bar in the proposed licensed premises.

Based on the above objections, and without prejudice to the applicant, I would respectfully request that the application for the premises license be refused.

Yours faithfully,

Laura Davies

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OBJECTOR B – SAMUEL REES-THOMAS, C/O 153 MILL VIEW, MAESTEG CF34 0DP

In respect to the current premises license application numbered 681 with Bridgend County Borough council , I would like to formally object based on the following points.

1 – The prevention of crime and disorder

*exacerbate an existing youth annoyance issue and anti-social behaviour at Bettws Life Centre.

2 – Public Safety

*The close proximity to what will become 2 new primary school, plus there is a nursery and public library on site. The current English medium primary school is already in close proximity to the proposed licensed premises. However, the entrance / exit for the English and welsh medium primary schools that are currently under construction will be directly opposite the entrance to the proposed licensed premises.

*Close proximity to residential areas and noise nuisance

3 – Prevention of Public Nuisance

*Increased risk of youth annoyance

*Increased risk of anti-social behaviour

4 – Protection of children from harm

*Public library on site

*Nursery on site

*Directly opposite what will be 2 new primary schools

*Increased risk of anti-social behaviour

*As an existing area where young people congregate, a licensed premises would be inappropriate

Based on the above objections, and without prejudice to the applicant, I would respectfully request that the application for the premises license be refused.

Yours Faithfully

Samuel Rees-Thomas

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OBJECTOR C – Aaron Williams, 64 Pen-y-Mynydd, Bettws, Bridgend CF32 8SB

In respect to the premises license application numbered 681 , I would like to formally object based on the following points.

*the only accessible space outside for smoking will be directly opposite and in full view of 2 primary schools, children’s private nursery and all children using current library facilities.

*Close proximity to schools, library and nursery

*Close proximity to residential areas

*The potential for intoxicated persons in and around schools, nursery, library and main artery road through the village

*exacerbate an existing youth annoyance issue and anti-social behaviour at Bettws Life Centre.

Based on the above objections, and without prejudice to the applicant, I would respectfully request that the application for the premises license be refused.

Yours faithfully,

Aaron Williams

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OBJECTOR D – ROZ STIRMAN

Village Café & Function Room, Bettws Life Centre,

I am writing to oppose the above mentioned licensing application on the following grounds:-

I have concerns about the proximity of these premises to both the current and the new school site in Bettws. After-school clubs and possibility even some community groups may well be making use of the school premises after hours and I would not wish in any way to encourage any form of under-age drinking.

Regards

Roz Stirman

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