

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE LICENSING ACT 2003 SUB-COMMITTEE (A) HELD IN COUNCIL CHAMBER, CIVIC OFFICES ANGEL STREET BRIDGEND CF31 4WB ON THURSDAY, 10 SEPTEMBER 2015 AT 10.00AM

Present

Councillor R Williams – Chairperson

JE Lewis

RD Jenkins

Officers:

Andrea Lee	Senior Lawyer
Yvonne Witchell	Licensing & Registration Manager
Mark Galvin	Senior Democratic Services Officer - Committees
Rachel Morris	Senior Licensing Registration Assistant

Representing the South Wales Police

PC Kevin Ellis
PC Sarah Rowlatt

4. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None

5. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

6. LICENSING ACT 2003: SECTION 17 APPLICATION FOR PREMISES LICENCE, MAESTEG CHARCOAL GRILL, 25 COMMERCIAL STREET, MAESTEG.

The Assistant Chief Executive Legal and Regulatory Services submitted a report, regarding an application made by Maesteg Charcoal Ltd for a new Premises Licence in respect of the above premises, described as a hot food takeaway. The application sought to licence the ground floor of the building.

The Legal Officer advised Members that the applicant could not be at today's meeting and neither could his Solicitor. She added that he wished to be legally represented at the meeting.

The Licensing and Registration Officer concurred with this, and added that representations to the application had been made by the South Wales Police, and she asked through the Chairperson, if the Police were happy to defer their objections until such time as the applicant and his Solicitor are both able to attend the meeting.

The Chairperson then sought the views of the Police on this matter.

PC Ellis confirmed that an adjournment would suit the Police, in that they could seek to provide further evidence over and above that contained in the report, that would strengthen their objection to the application. He added that other than this however, the applicant (and his legal representative) would have had plenty of notice of today's Hearing, as a number of pieces of correspondence had been exchanged with him regarding the Police objections, dating as far back as 13 August 2015.

The Legal Officer advised that even if the applicant and his Solicitor had been made aware of the date that the Hearing was taking place within the appropriate timescales governed by any legislative requirements, in the reasons of fairness and natural justice, she stated that the Sub-Committee may wish to adjourn this meeting to a later date in order that all parties could attend.

The Chairperson and Sub-Committee Members agreed that this was the most favourable course of action to follow.

RESOLVED: That the meeting be adjourned to a later date to be agreed upon by Members and all other parties involved in the application.

The meeting closed at 10.30 am