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Dyddiad/Date: Tuesday, 30 September 2025

Dear Councillor,

LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE B

A meeting of the Licensing Sub-Committee B will be held Hybrid in the Council Chamber - Civic Offices, Angel Street, Bridgend, CF31 4WB on **Tuesday, 7 October 2025 at 10:00**.

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 1 September 2008.

3 **Approval of Minutes**

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To receive for approval the Minutes of the 07/01/2025 and the Licensing Act 2003 Sub Committee (B) minutes of the 21/01/2025, 29/04/2025 and 30/04/2025

4 **Urgent Items**

To consider any other item(s) of business in respect of which notice has been given in accordance with Rule 4 of the Council Procedure Rules and which the person presiding at

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the meeting is of the opinion should by reason of special circumstances be transacted at the meeting as a matter of urgency.

5 Exclusion of the Public

The report/minutes relating to the following items are not for publication as they contain exempt information as defined in Paragraph 12 of Part 4 and/or Paragraph 21 of Part 5 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 as amended by the Local Government (Access to Information)(Variation)(Wales) Order 2007.

If following the application of the public interest test the Committee resolves pursuant to the Act to consider these items in private, the public will be excluded from the meeting during such consideration.

6 Approval of Exempt Minutes

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To receive for approval the exempt Minutes of the 07/01/2025

7 Disciplinary Hearing - Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Driver

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Note: This will be a Hybrid meeting and Members and Officers will be attending in the Council Chamber, Civic Offices, Angel Street Bridgend / Remotely via Microsoft Teams. The meeting will be recorded for subsequent transmission via the Council's internet site which will be available as soon as practicable after the meeting. If you would like to view this meeting live, please contact cabinet_committee@bridgend.gov.uk or tel. 01656 643148 / 643694 / 643513 / 643159.

Yours faithfully

K Watson

Chief Officer, Legal and Regulatory Services, HR and Corporate Policy

Councillors:

H T Bennett

C Davies

S Easterbrook

H Griffiths

RM James

P W Jenkins

R Williams

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE B HELD HYBRID IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER - CIVIC OFFICES, ANGEL STREET, BRIDGEND, CF31 4WB ON TUESDAY, 7 JANUARY 2025 AT 10:00

Present

Councillor H T Bennett – Chairperson

S Easterbrook

Present Virtually

C Davies

RM James

Apologies for Absence

H Griffiths, P W Jenkins and R Williams

Officers:

Kirsty Evans	Senior Licensing Officer
Katie Wintle	Lawyer
Nimi Chandrasena	Democratic Services Officer – Support
Oscar Roberts	Business Administration Apprentice – Democratic Services

Declarations of Interest

None.

62. Approval of Minutes

Decision Made	<u>RESOLVED:</u> That the Minutes of the Licensing Sub Committee B dated 23/07/24 were approved as a true and accurate record.
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Date Decision Made	7 January 2025
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Urgent Items

Decision Made	None.
Date Decision Made	7 January 2025

64. Exclusion of the Public

Decision Made	<p><u>RESOLVED:</u></p> <p>That under Section 100A (4) of the Local Government Act 1972 as amended by the Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) (Wales) Order 2007, the public was excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following items of business as they contained exempt information as defined in Paragraph 12 of Part 4 and/or Paragraph 21 of Part 5 of Schedule 12A of the Act.</p> <p>Following the application of the public interest test it was resolved that pursuant to the Act referred to above, to consider the following items in private, with the public excluded from the meeting, as it was considered that in all the circumstances relating to the item, the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighed the public interest in disclosing the information, because the information would be prejudicial to the applicant so mentioned.</p>
Date Decision Made	7 January 2025

65. Approval of Exempt Minutes

Decision Made	<p><u>RESOLVED:</u></p> <p>That the Exempt Minutes of the Licensing Sub-Committee B dated 23/07/24 were approved as a true and accurate record.</p>
Date Decision Made	7 January 2025

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Disciplinary Hearing - Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Driver

Decision Made	The decision relating to this item is not available for public inspection as the report is exempt.
Date Decision Made	7 January 2025

To observe further debate that took place on the above items, please click this [link](#)

The meeting closed at 11:37.

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LICENSING ACT 2003 SUB-COMMITTEE (B) - TUESDAY, 21 JANUARY 2025

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE LICENSING ACT 2003 SUB-COMMITTEE (B) HELD HYBRID IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER - CIVIC OFFICES, ANGEL STREET, BRIDGEND, CF31 4WB ON TUESDAY, 21 JANUARY 2025 AT 10:00

Present

Councillor R Williams – Chairperson

RM James

Present Virtually

H T Bennett

Officers:

Kirsty Evans
Andrea Lee
Michael Pitman
Oscar Roberts

Senior Licensing Officer
Senior Lawyer
Technical Support Officer – Democratic Services
Business Administrative Apprentice - Democratic Services

Apologies for Absence

None

Declarations of Interest

None

**78. Grant of a Premises Licence for Blaengarw Rfc, 40 Victoria Street,
Pontycymmer, Bridgend CF31 8NW**

Decision Made	The Team Manager – Licensing presented a report which asked the Sub Committee to determine an application for the grant of a premises licence for Blaengarw RFC submitted by Katie-Louise Struthers.
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	<p>She advised that objections were received by South Wales Police during the consultation period. South Wales Police have advised they would withdraw their objection if the applicant agrees to impose a number of conditions on the premises licence. The proposed conditions were attached at Appendix B to the report.</p> <p>The hearing was attended by Officers from South Wales Police namely Fiona Colwill and PC Matt McDonald together with the applicant Ms Struthers and Mr William Struthers.</p> <p>The Chairperson asked the applicant if she would present her case to the Sub Committee and her reasons as to why she should be granted the licence.</p> <p>Ms Struthers stated that everything in the proposed conditions they agreed with and were running with these conditions at present aside from one of the points raised. She asked that the door staff be removed from the proposed licence and provided the reasons for this which were as follows.</p> <p>She stated that the cost element was a prohibiting factor for them. Employing door staff would drive the cost of hiring the premise for the customer to a few hundred pounds. In the Garw Valley this type of cost would not be inviting and she believed that people would simply not be able to afford it.</p> <p>She added that she is a prison officer and a number of the members who work at the premise have a background in jobs whereby they have dealt with difficult people and are able to de-escalate situations. That said, in the 18 months of running the premise she had not had any issues with the parties that had been hosted.</p> <p>The Legal Officer asked in relation to the CCTV, was this already up and running. Ms Struthers confirmed that this was up and running.</p> <p>A Member asked in relation to other events held at the premises like boxing events, if Ms Struthers would consider hiring door staff for those events as they would be considered more high risk.</p> <p>MS Struthers stated that she did not hold the bigger boxing events at the premise or televise it. She explained that the events referenced in the application was for the Welsh Wrestling Association which is a children's event.</p> <p>Fiona stated that the issue that SWP had was that the wrestling and boxing condition was for all types of events, so while Ms Struthers had explained that they would only host children's events, the licence could be transferred for £23 to another licence holder who could host any event within these conditions. So the</p>
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	<p>condition of door staff was to cover all bases.</p> <p>The Legal Officer stated that if there were issues at the premises then it was down to SWP to provide their evidence for any issues that were occurring. Current there was no evidence that this premises had any issues at all and therefore a condition should not be placed on them for what might happen in the future.</p> <p>Fiona understood that the conditions related to hypothetical situations but the reality was that these events particular the 16-21 year old events do carry risks.</p> <p>Ms Struthers added that during all parties there were a number of adults present, which included parents of the children as well as staff.</p> <p>There were no further questions from the Members at this stage.</p> <p>PC Matt McDonald provided the case for SWP on the reasons for providing two SIA licenced staff.</p> <p>A Member asked in relation to ID checking what would be common practice for a premises to introduce. PC Matt McDonald explained that the Challenge 25 scheme was common practice and this was something that was encouraged for all premises that sell alcohol to undertake. Details was provided on what the scheme aims to achieve.</p> <p><u>RESOLVED:</u></p> <p>The Sub Committee retired to consider the application. The decision read as follows:</p> <p>The Sub-Committee have decided to grant the licence with the following conditions:</p> <p>1.The premises shall maintain a digital CCTV recording system capable of recording 31 days of 24 hour recording with a monitor out of view and reach of the customers. Images shall be retained for a period of 31 days. The equipment will be suitably secured with limited access. The CCTV system shall have coverage of all areas to which the public have access within the premises and shall include entrances and exits. The CCTV system shall be maintained and operate at all times that the premises are open to the public. Images shall be made available upon request and within 7 days to the Police or other enforcement</p>
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	<p>officers either to USB, disc or via the NICE system used by South Wales Police, upon lawful demand by a Police officer or Local Authority officer at no cost.</p> <p>2. Signage is to be displayed within the premises and shall display that a zero tolerance drugs policy is being implemented.</p> <p>3. To record incidents of refusal of sales of 'age restricted goods', to persons who appear underage, in the format of a 'Refusal Register'. The Register to be retained at the premises and be available to any Authorised Officer on request for inspection.</p> <p>4. Signage will be displayed that it is illegal for any person to attempt to purchase alcohol for a person under the age of 18.</p> <p>5. Implement and operate 'Challenge 25 Scheme' to include:</p> <p>Display of appropriate warning signs to the effect that any persons appearing to be under the age of 25 will be subject to challenge in respect of age restricted goods. Such signage to be displayed at the entrance to the Premises, and where alcohol is displayed. Staff will ask any customers who appear to be under 25 to produce an acceptable form of ID when they attempt to purchase alcohol.</p>
Date Decision Made	21 January 2025

To observe further debate that took place on the above items, please click this [link](#)

The meeting closed at 10:45.

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE LICENSING ACT 2003 SUB-COMMITTEE (B) HELD HYBRID IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER - CIVIC OFFICES, ANGEL STREET, BRIDGEND, CF31 4WB ON TUESDAY, 29 APRIL 2025 AT 10:00

Present

Councillor R Williams – Chairperson

S Easterbrook

P Jenkins

Present Virtually

Apologies for Absence

None.

Officers:

Andrea Lee

Daniel Cook

Nimi Chandrasena

Oscar Roberts

Senior Lawyer - Litigation Team

Licensing Officer

Democratic Services Officer – Support

Business Administrative Apprentice – Democratic Services

Declarations of Interest

None.

81. Grant of a Premises Licence for Pendre Stores, 24 Pendre, Bridgend, CF31 1PE

Decision Made	<p>The report was presented by the Licensing Officer, the purpose of which was to determine a grant of a premises license for Pendre Stores.</p> <p><u>RESOLVED:</u> The Licensing Sub-Committee held a hearing on the 29th of April 2025 to consider this application made by the Applicant. The hearing was attended by the Applicant, his representative Mr</p>
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Bartlett , the Licensing Officer Mr Daniel Cook together with Miss Pickett an objector.

MATERIAL BEFORE THE SUB-COMMITTEE

At the outset of the hearing, the Sub-Committee had before it a report from the Council's Licensing Officer together with written representations from 3 objectors.

REPRESENTATIONS MADE BY THE APPLICANT

The Applicants Representative explained the application should be granted as a robust set of conditions offered, demonstrates a responsible retailer and most importantly the responsible authorities have not raised any objections, the Police and Environmental Health do not have any concerns, and these are the ones tasked with upholding the Licensing objectives. The application attracted 3 objections from local residents and their complaints have been carefully considered and steps taken to address them. Alcohol will only be a small percentage of the sales, and it will be around 5% of the overall sales. One resident objected to the 10pm finish time for the sale of alcohol and the applicant voluntarily agreed to reduce the time to 7pm which is a significant concession. The Objectors mention parking in their objections, and this cannot be taken into consideration for the licensing decision. The Applicant has also offered additional conditions as part of the application such as challenge 25, CCTV and signage requesting patron not to drink alcohol in the street.

REPRESENTATIONS FROM THE OBJECTOR

The Objector explained that the street and locality suffered with anti-social behaviour and criminal damage. There was beer cans left everywhere and even in the local park where the children play. She explained that she recently had an attempted burglary at her property and that her disabled relative slept on the ground floor at the back of the house. She also explained that there are shops selling alcohol 100 yards in each direction. The objector stated that the post office had been open for 70 years and had never sold alcohol and unfortunately a number of people using the Hospital had problems. It is for these reasons that she stated that she doesn't understand why alcohol needs to be sold from these premises.

FINDING OF THE SUB-COMMITTEE

The Sub-Committee have determined upon reading and hearing the objections from the residents that on the balance of probabilities there is a problem with anti-social behaviour in the area.

DETERMINATION

The Sub-Committee must in its decision-making promote the statutory licensing objectives and in particular, the prevention of public nuisance. The Sub-Committee have taken into consideration the representations made by the applicant together with the written and oral representations of the objectors. The Sub-Committee have also taken into consideration the Licensing Act 2003, together with the guidance

	<p>and the Council's policy. The Sub-Committee have determined that they will grant the Licence to sell Alcohol for consumption off the premises between the following times: Monday to Sunday 0800-1900</p> <p>The additional conditions offered up by the Applicant in his application will also be added to the Licence. The Sub-Committee in determining the licensing hours of 0800-1900 took into consideration the representations by the objectors demonstrating a problem with anti-social behaviour in that vicinity and by limiting the sale of alcohol to 1900 hours will limit potentially the increase of this behaviour in this vicinity.</p>
Date Decision Made	29 April 2025

To observe further debate that took place on the above items, please click this [link](#)

The meeting closed at 10:44.

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MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE LICENSING ACT 2003 SUB-COMMITTEE (B) HELD HYBRID IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER - CIVIC OFFICES, ANGEL STREET, BRIDGEND, CF31 4WB ON WEDNESDAY, 30 APRIL 2025 AT 10:00

Present

Councillor R Williams – Chairperson

H Griffiths

RM James

Officers:

Kirsty Evans
Mark Galvin
Katie Wintle
Michael Pitman
Helen Pembridge

Senior Licensing Officer
Senior Democratic Services Officer - Committees
Lawyer
Democratic Services Officer - Technical
Shared Regulatory Services

Applicant

Daniel Apsee – The Loft Premises, Nolton Street,
Bridgend (accompanied by Rhodri Apsee)

82. Apologies for Absence

Decision Made	None
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Date Decision Made	30 April 2025
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Declarations of Interest

Decision Made	None
Date Decision Made	30 April 2025

84. Licensing Act 2003: Section 104 Temporary Event Notice Objection to Notice by Environmental Health for the Loft Bar Bridgend

Decision Made	<p>The Team Manager Licensing presented a report, the purpose of which, was to request the Sub-Committee to consider and determine an Objection Notice submitted by Environmental Health, in response to a Temporary Event Notice (TEN) served on the Licensing Authority for 1 Nolton Arcade and 20 Nolton Street, Bridgend.</p> <p>Following the Chairperson asking attendees to introduce themselves, debate on the application took place as follows.</p> <p>DECISION NOTICE The Licensing Sub-Committee convened this hearing on the 30 April 2025 to consider the application made by the Applicant. The hearing was attended by the Applicant, Mr Daniel Apsee, accompanied by Mr Rhodri Apsee and Helen Pembridge -Team Manager of Bridgend & Vale (Housing Enforcement & Pollution Control) of Shared Regulatory Services (SRS).</p> <p>MATERIAL BEFORE THE SUB-COMMITTEE At the outset of the hearing, the Sub-Committee had before it a report from the Council's Licensing Officer; a copy of the TEN Application, a copy of the premises licence conditions and the objection notice from SRS. The Sub-Committee also had before it additional evidence provided by SRS which was not provided in the initial report. The Applicant had also received a copy of the same.</p> <p>REPRESENTATIONS MADE BY THE APPLICANT The Applicant confirmed that he is the premises licence holder and had submitted an application for a TEN</p>
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for the May bank holiday weekend. He stated that the licence currently had non-standard timings removed so he could operate fully past 23:00 on Bank Holiday Sunday. These are considerable days for the business where they would look to be open and be able to generate revenue. The requested TEN is to cover until 01:00 and they wanted the extra hour or two to be open to customers.

The Applicant stated that the current licence is out of sync with timings. They could open until 00:30 for the playing of music and have live music until 00:00, but were curtailed with the issue of the sale of alcohol as they are generating no income during this time period – in summary he wished to extend that so that the sale of alcohol is in line with the entertainment side of the business.

The Applicant appreciated the concerns from SRS and confirmed that he is trying to work with them to mitigate the complaints. He was waiting for a Noise Consultant to confirm dates in order to gauge the noise emanating from the premises.

A member of the Sub-Committee queried the notices which have been served upon the Applicant and it was clarified that he was referring to the serving of previous abatement notices.

The Applicant stated that one notice was served last year and that had been considered and correspondence has gone back and forth with SRS regarding this. The other abatement notice was in dispute at the moment as he stated that it was served on a member of staff, rather than himself as the main premises user, so he had not had sight of this. There had been ongoing dialogue between Mr. Apsee and SRS regarding the noise complaints including in-person meetings at the premises. Mr Apsee had ordered and paid for a new door to be installed to mitigate the noise, and staff were also taking time logs for example going outside the adjacent premises with a noise recording device and collating a spreadsheet for this purpose, during the last 3 months. He confirmed that he had spoken to a Noise Consultant on Monday last, but he has not heard from him further this week. He advised that he was speaking to another person who was more local to be able to attend, to look at this further, as soon as possible.

REPRESENTATIONS MADE BY SHARED REGULATORY SERVICES

Helen Pembridge, on behalf of SRS as Team Manager for Pollution Control for Bridgend, stated that the premises licence for The Loft was granted in October last year. There was a breach of an abatement notice on 26 October 2024 on the first floor of The Loft bar. There was also noise nuisance observed on the second floor of the top deck bar and therefore a further notice was served on the premises manager.

She confirmed that the Applicant was disputing service of this and this would be considered as a separate issue outside of the hearing.

	<p>On 26 April 2025, a further complaint was received relating to noise from the top deck bar. SRS have been preparing a case for prosecution for the first breach of the notice but had put this on hold as there was a willingness from the Applicant to co-operate and to instruct a Noise Consultant to check noise levels at the premises. This was discussed in January 2025 and emails have been exchanged, however, by March 2025, this had not progressed further and noise complaints continue to be received.</p> <p>A meeting took place at the premises with the Applicant on 11 March last and SRS gave general advice and also provided details to the premises user of local Noise Consultants. SRS also offered to speak directly to any consultant and to assist with accessing the complainants property, but to date, they have still not been contacted by Mr. Apsee to confirm that a Noise Consultant has been instructed.</p> <p>An officer attended on 26 April 2025 and the main door and windows to the top deck were open at that time. Noise from patrons outside was clearly audible inside the complainants property and therefore an objection to the TEN was made, as they are of the view that it undermines the licensing objectives and no mitigation as to how it will be controlled has been provided to date. The Officer from SRS confirmed that it is just one complainant who had been making complaints to date.</p> <p>The Applicant confirmed that one very small window was open for ventilation and this appeared to have been opened by a customer as it was warm evening. The Applicant asked what would SRS need to see from them? How do they know that the noise was coming from patrons? And how will the sale of alcohol mitigate noise complaints as their license for the playing of music is until 00:30 anyway?</p> <p>The SRS Officer advised that the noise had been witnessed from the premises patrons outside the premises and it was audible and she felt that it was not being managed, however, it had mainly been noise nuisance from the premises made in previous complaints. She further stated that the officer present at the time, could clearly see patrons outside the premises and they determined it was not from passing traffic. In relation to the sale of alcohol point, she stated that if all patrons were leaving the premises earlier, then any noise nuisance would be over a shorter period of time and there would no longer be a noise issue later on that night into the early hours.</p> <p>The Applicant disagreed with this and stated that they would have a short period of time to remove 200/300 people at 11:00pm and this will cause more problems than over a longer period of time.</p> <p>FINDINGS OF THE SUB-COMMITTEE The Sub-Committee found on the balance of probabilities that there has been a failure by the Applicant to adequately address the issue of excessive noise from the premises and a failure to progress with the instruction of a Noise Consultant in a timely manner. The Sub-Committee noted that there has been</p>
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	<p>dialogue between the Applicant and SRS however, the Applicant remains in a position where no measures have been put in place to mitigate the levels of noise and as a result, continuing complaints are being received.</p> <p>RESOLVED:</p> <p>The Sub-Committee determined in its decision-making a requirement to promote the statutory licensing objectives and, in particular, the prevention of public nuisance. The Sub-Committee had taken into consideration the documents provided and oral representations from the Applicant and the Objector from SRS and further considered the Licensing Act 2003, the statutory guidance issued under the Act and the Council's statement of Licensing Policy.</p> <p>The Sub-Committee determined to issue a counter notice for the temporary event notice as they agreed that allowing the event to go ahead will undermine the licensing objectives particularly the prevention of public nuisance.</p>
Date Decision Made	30 April 2025

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The meeting closed at 10:30.

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