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**Dyddiad/Date:** Wednesday, 28 January 2026

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 / remotely via Microsoft Teams on **Tuesday, 3 February 2026 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 from Members/Officers in accordance with 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 07/10/2025 and the Licensing Act 2003 Sub Committee (B) minutes of the 12/11/2025 and 11/12/2025

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The reports relating to the following items are not for publication as they contain exempt information as defined in Paragraph 12 of Part 4 and/or Paragraph 21 of Part 5 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 as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 07/10/2025.

7 Grant of a Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Driver's Licence

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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](mailto: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 OCTOBER 2025 AT 10:00

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Present

Councillor – Chairperson

H T Bennett

C Davies

S Easterbrook

Present Virtually

RM James

P W Jenkins

Apologies for Absence

R Williams

Officers:

Andrea Lee  
Yvonne Witchell  
Mark Galvin  
Nimi Chandrasena

Senior Lawyer  
Senior Licensing Officer  
Senior Democratic Services Officer  
Democratic Services Officer - Support

Declarations of Interest

None

The Sub-Committee, in the absence of the Chairperson nominated Cllr Bennett as Chairperson for meeting. This nomination was moved, seconded and all agreed by members by way of assent

**Approval of Minutes**

Decision Made	<u>RESOLVED</u>	: That the Minutes of the Licensing Sub Committee B dated 07/01/25 and the Minutes of Licensing Act 2003 Sub Committee (B) dated 21/01/2025, 29/04/2025 were approved as a true and accurate record. The Minutes of Licensing Act 2003 Sub Committee (B) dated 30/04/25 were to be revisited.
Date Decision Made	07/10/2025	

**70. Urgent Items**

Decision Made	None
Date Decision Made	07/10/2025

**71. Exclusion of the Public**

Decision Made	<u>RESOLVED</u>	: 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. 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.
Date Decision Made	07/10/2025	

**Approval of Exempt Minutes**

Decision Made	<u>RESOLVED</u>	: That the Exempt Minutes of the Licensing Sub-Committee B dated 07/01/25 were approved as a true and accurate record.
Date Decision Made	07/10/2025	

**73. 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	07/10/2025	

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

The meeting closed at 10:55.

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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, 12 NOVEMBER 2025 AT 10:00

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Present

Councillor R Williams – Chairperson

RM James

Present Virtually

C Davies

Apologies for Absence

S Easterbrook

Officers:

Andrea Lee  
Oscar Roberts  
Yvonne Witchell  
Nimi Chandrasena

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

Invitees

Representative For the Applicant Company

Mr S Jose (Director – on behalf of Grabbi)

Declarations of Interest

None

**Approval of Minutes**

Decision Made	<p><u>RESOLVED :</u></p> <p>That the Minutes of the Licensing Act 2003 Sub Committee (B) Meeting of the 30/04/2025 were approved as a true and accurate record</p>
Date Decision Made	12/11/2025

**88. Grant Of A Premises License For GRABBI, Ebenezer Chapel Building,  
Bridgend Rd, Aberkenfig**

Decision Made	<p>The report was presented by the Licensing Officer the purpose of which was to determine an application for the grant of a premises licence at Grabbi, Ebenezer Chapel Building, Bridgend Road, Aberkenfig CF32 9BG.</p> <p>It was established that while neither of the objectors were present, neither party wanted their objections withdrawn. As such, a full hearing was required for the application.</p> <p>Members and the applicant discussed the purpose of the premises itself as they referred to page 4 of the application, querying a statement where it was mentioned that alcohol would be served on the premises. The representative of the applicant company confirmed that no alcohol was to be served on the premises, he stated that alcohol would be sold, to be consumed off-site, the applicant agreed that the application was to be amended to reflect this.</p> <p>The representative for the applicant company stated that he fully understood and respected the concerns raised by the local residents. He stated that the company share the residents' desire to maintain the safe and quiet environment in a well-managed neighborhood.</p> <p>He stated that the Company's objective was not to create nuisance or disruption, but to operate a responsible, well controlled premise that contributed positively to the local community.</p> <p>The representative addressed the objections raised as follows :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Deliveries : Deliveries were expected typically around the business hours to avoid disturbance within the community. The Company do not expect deliveries or collections during the early hours or during late evenings. He expected unloading to be carried out quietly and efficiently by</li> </ul>
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	<p>professional delivery persons.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Parking : The building has a designated lay by located to the front of the building. Deliveries were expected to be scheduled in a manner that would cause problems with parking.</li> <li>• Crime and disorder : The shop has benefited from having a comprehensive CCTV system installed to monitor both the interior and exterior of the building. All staff were to fully trained to monitor CCTV constantly and be alert to any instances of anti-social behaviour.</li> <li>• Protection of children : All staff were to be vigorously trained and would know not to sell alcohol to those underaged and would be in a position to challenge underage purchases.</li> </ul> <p>The representative stated that he had taken over an abandoned building and this had generated employment and business for the area. He stated that the introduction of his business had generated mixed reviews among residents. He stated that he also had a home care business and over both businesses, he was responsible for 55 employees across the borough.</p> <p>A member asked if the representative had experience owning/managing other off license premises and the representative responded that he did not.</p> <p>A member asked the representative about his background in conducting a business. The Representative responded that his background was in healthcare, where he was employed as an adult and mental health care nurse over a period of about 20 years in Cardiff within the NHS and private facilities. He stated that around four years ago, he started a domiciliary care service that goes by the name of Star Care Solutions. He stated that the facility currently operated under a temporary contract with Bridgend County Borough Council. The care service, however, have a permanent contract with Neath Port Talbot Council. He stated that the care service had relocated their offices from Porthcawl to the same building as the concerned shop in this application.</p> <p>A member asked the representative if he or any of his employees had undertaken training relevant to operating an off license business. The representative stated that he was looking to recruit employees who have relevant experience, he shared that several prospective local candidates had already approached him. He intended for all his employees to have received required training in due course.</p> <p>In his closing statement the Representative stated that he had taken on an abandoned building, previously used in illegal activity, and invested finance and resources to bring it to the standard it is today. He felt that</p>
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	<p>by providing employment opportunities and working with the community, he was making a positive impact. On a personal level, he wanted to establish a profitable business for himself, to this end, he had purchased other premises in Ogmore Vale and Porthcawl and has an on-going goal of establishing the Grabbi brand.</p> <p>The panel thanked the representative for attending and for making his presentation in favour of his application. They advised him that they would reconvene to deliberate on the facts presented to them and would thereafter notify him via email, within 5 working days, of their decision in relation to his application.</p> <p><u>RESOLVED :</u></p> <p><b>Findings of the Sub-Committee</b>  The Sub-Committee have taken into consideration the 2 objections made by Cllr Haines and Mrs Melardi. The Sub-Committee has to ensure Validity of the objection and whether it is frivolous or vexatious. The objectors in this application only gave their names and not their addresses and they did not attend the hearing It was not possible for the Sub-Committee to determine whether the representations were in any way vexatious.  The Sub-Committee also determined that some of the objections were based on alcohol being consumed on the premises, but this was no longer the case as the Applicant has amended his application for off sale only.  The Sub-Committee also noted that there were no objections from the Statutory Authorities namely the Police, Fire Service and Public Protection and the Applicant responded to all the concerns raised by the Objectors in his representations to the Sub-Committee  The Sub-Committee find that the application together with the conditions offered by the Applicant does not undermine the 4 licensing objectives.</p> <p><b>Decision of the Sub-Committee</b>  After hearing from the Applicant and taking into consideration the objections and the response from the Applicant to those objections the Sub-Committee have determined to grant the Licence together with all conditions offered by the Applicant in his application.</p>
Date Decision Made	12/11/25

**Urgent Items**

Decision Made	None
Date Decision Made	12/11/25

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The meeting closed at 11:15.

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MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE LICENSING ACT 2003 SUB-COMMITTEE (B) HELD COMMITTEE ROOMS 2/3, CIVIC OFFICES ANGEL STREET BRIDGEND CF31 4WB ON THURSDAY, 11 DECEMBER 2025 AT 10:00

Present

Councillor R Williams – Chairperson

S Easterbrook

Present Virtually

C Davies

Officers:

Kirsty Evans	Licensing Team Manager
Samuel Pitchford	Lawyer – Litigation Team
Michael Pitman	Technical Support Officer – Democratic Services
Oscar Roberts	Temporary Democratic Services Officer – Committees

90. Apologies for Absence

Decision Made	There were no apologies for absence.
Date Decision Made	11 December 2025

91. Declarations of Interest

Decision Made	There were no declarations of interest.
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Date Decision Made	11 December 2025

**Licensing Act 2003: Section 104 Consideration of Objection Notice for a  
Temporary Event at Newbridge Fields**

Decision Made	<p>The purpose of this report, presented by the Licensing Team Manager, was to ask Members to consider and determine an Objection Notice submitted by South Wales Police in response to a Temporary Event Notice (TEN) served on the Licensing Authority for Newbridge Fields, Bridgend CF31 4BW. The Applicant was Joanne Summer Evans, who had submitted a Temporary Event Notice for a Masquerade Ball to be held at the premises on the 14<sup>th</sup> of February 2025, which South Wales Police had objected to formally on the basis that the notice undermines the licensing objective the prevention of crime and disorder and public safety.</p> <p>the panel discussed the information and recommended that the details of the case should be heard in closed session. The meeting entered closed session.</p> <p>When the meeting re-opened to the public, the Applicant was advised that the decision would be provided in due course.</p> <p><u>RESOLVED:</u> After consideration by the Sub-Committee, Members decided to issue a counter notice under section 105 of the Licensing Act 2003, rejecting the application.</p>
Date Decision Made	11 December 2025

The meeting closed at 11:25.

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