

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4.3 At the time of preparing this report these representations had not been withdrawn and an update will be requested at the hearing.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

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**Date: 21 March 2017**

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### **Background documents**

Application for Premises Licence  
Representations

Council's Statement of Licensing Policy available at [www.bridgend.gov.uk](http://www.bridgend.gov.uk)

Amended Guidance issued under Section 182 of the Licensing Act 2003 – March 2015  
available at [www.homeoffice.gov.uk](http://www.homeoffice.gov.uk)