

Meeting of:	LICENSING ACT 2003 SUB COMMITTEE (B)
Date of Meeting:	21 JANUARY 2025
Report Title:	GRANT OF A PREMISES LICENCE FOR BLAENGARW RFC, 40 VICTORIA STREET, PONTYCYMMER, BRIDGEND CF32 8NW
Report Owner / Corporate Director:	CHIEF OFFICER – LEGAL AND REGULATORY SERVICES, HR AND CORPORATE POLICY
Responsible Officer:	KIRSTY EVANS LICENSING TEAM MANAGER
Policy Framework and Procedure Rules:	There is no effect upon the policy framework or procedure rules.
Executive Summary:	For the Sub-Committee to consider and determine an application for the grant of a premises licence following representations received from South Wales Police

1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to determine an application for the grant of a premises licence for Blaengarw RFC submitted by Katie-Louise Struthers.

2. Background

- 2.1 The Licensing Authority has received an application for the grant of a new premises licence for Blaengarw RFC, 40 Victoria Street, Pontycymmer, Bridgend CF32 8NW.

The application and accompanying plan can be found in **Appendix A**.

- 2.2 The applicant describes the premises in the application as:

“Blaengarw Rugby Club was built over 100 years ago however there was an extension built in 1964.

The club was originally a workmens club which then changed over to a rugby club in 1979 and remains this to the present day.

There are 2 main entrances to the building and 4 additional emergency exits.

The club does have a beer garden which is situated on the premises.”

- 2.3 The application requests the following licensable activities for the hours stated:

- The Sale of Alcohol for consumption both on the premises:

Sunday to Thursday	11:00 to 00:00 hours
Friday and Saturday:	11:00 to 01:00 hours

Non-standard timings
Boxing Day: 11:00 to 01:30 hours
New Year's Eve: 11:00 to 01:30 hours

- The Provision of Live and Recorded Music (indoors and outdoors)

Sunday to Thursday: 11:00 to 00:00 hours
Friday and Saturday: 11:00 to 01:00 hours

Non-standard timings
Boxing Day: 11:00 to 01:30 hours
New Year's Eve: 11:00 to 01:30 hours

- The Provision of Plays (Indoors), Indoor Sporting Events, Performances of Dance (Indoors) and Boxing or Wrestling (Indoors):

Sunday to Thursday: 11:00 to 00:00 hours
Friday and Saturday: 11:00 to 01:00 hours

Non-standard timings
Boxing Day: 11:00 to 01:30 hours
New Year's Eve: 11:00 to 01:30 hours

2.4 The conditions proposed by the applicant for the promotion of the licensing objectives can be found in Section M of the application form, detailed in **Appendix A**.

2.5 The premises currently benefits from a Club Premises Certificate (BCBCLP440) which authorises the following licensable activities for members and guests only:

The Supply of Alcohol for consumption on and off the premises, The Provision of Live and Recorded Music, Performance of Dance and Anything of a similar description between the hours:

Monday to Saturday: 10:00 to 23:00 hours
Sundays: 12:00 to 22:30 hours

Non-Standard Timings
Christmas Day: 12:00 to 15:00 hours
19:00 to 22:30 hours
Good Friday: 12:00 to 22:30 hours
New Year's Eve: Until start of activities on New Year's Day

2.6 There are no conditions attached to the Club Premises Certificate other than the mandatory conditions required by the Licensing Act 2003.

3. Current situation / proposal

3.1 In accordance with the requirements of the Licensing Act 2003, copies of the application were forwarded to the Responsible Authorities.

3.2 During the statutory 28-day consultation period the application has been advertised in accordance with the regulations at the premises, in a local newspaper and on the Council's website.

3.3 A representation was received during the consultation period from South Wales Police. South Wales Police have advised they will withdraw their objection if the applicant agrees to impose a number of conditions on the premises licence.

South Wales Police's representation which includes the proposed conditions are detailed in **Appendix B**.

3.4 The applicant and South Wales Police have been unable to come to an agreement on the proposed conditions prior to the application proceeding to hearing.

3.5 As relevant representations were received during the consultation period and not withdrawn the Sub-Committee must determine the application in accordance with the Licensing Act 2003.

3.6 The Licensing Act 2003 (Section 4) states that it is the duty of all Licensing Authorities to carry out their functions under the Act with a view to promoting the licensing objectives. The licensing objectives are:

- a) The prevention of crime and disorder
- b) Public safety
- c) The prevention of public nuisance
- d) Protection of children from harm

Each objective is of equal importance and should be of paramount consideration at all times.

Section 4(3) Licensing Act 2003 states that the Licensing Authority should also have regard to the Council's Statement of Licensing Policy, the statutory guidance issued under Section 182 of the Licensing Act 2003 and the Licensing Act itself, in this case in particular to:

Sections 2, 3, 4, 5, and 7 to 11 of the 2019-2024 Statement of Licensing policy.
Sections 2, 5, 8, 9, 10 and 14 of the Statutory Guidance to local authorities issued by the Home Office.

3.7 Further updates will be provided at the start of the Sub-Committee meeting as permitted under the Licensing Act 2003 (Hearings) Regulations 2005.

4. Equality implications (including Socio-economic Duty and Welsh Language)

4.1 The protected characteristics identified within the Equality Act, Socio-economic Duty and the impact on the use of the Welsh Language have been considered in the preparation of this report. As a public body in Wales the Council must consider the impact of strategic decisions, such as the development or the review of policies, strategies, services and functions. It is considered that there will be no significant or unacceptable equality impacts as a result of this report.

5. Well-being of Future Generations implications and connection to Corporate Well-being Objectives

5.1 The well-being goals identified in the Act were considered in the preparation of this report. It is considered that there will be no significant or unacceptable impacts upon the achievement of well-being goals/objectives as a result of this report.

6. Climate Change Implications

6.1 There are no Climate Change Implications arising from this report.

7. Safeguarding and Corporate Parent Implications

7.1 There are no Safeguarding and Corporate Parent Implications arising from this report.

8. Financial Implications

8.1 There are no financial implications arising from the report.

9. Recommendations

9.1 The Sub-Committee is asked to determine the application having regard to the Council's Statement of Licensing Policy, the guidance issued by the Home Office under Section 182 of the Licensing Act 2003, the application, submissions and representations before them.

Background documents: None