

**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

Senior Licensing Officer

Andrea Lee

Senior Lawyer

Michael Pitman

Technical Support Officer – Democratic Services

Oscar Roberts

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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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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

The Legal Officer asked in relation to the CCTV, was this already up and running. Ms Struthers confirmed that this was up and running.

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.

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.

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>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

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The meeting closed at 10:45.

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