

LICENSING ACT 2003 SUB-COMMITTEE (A) - THURSDAY, 6 FEBRUARY 2025

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE LICENSING ACT 2003 SUB-COMMITTEE (A) HELD REMOTELY ON THURSDAY, 6 FEBRUARY 2025 AT 10:00

Present

Councillor M Lewis – Chairperson

A R Berrow

J Llewellyn-Hopkins

Apologies for Absence

None

Officers:

Nimi Chandrasena
Kirsty Evans
Andrea Lee

Democratic Services Officer - Support
Senior Licensing Officer
Senior Lawyer

Invitees

Louis Stelling
Kuldip Sidhu

Coleridge Law (Representing the applicant)
Applicant

Cllr Timothy Thomas
David Price

Objector
Objector - Did not attend (Agreed that Cllr Thomas represent him)

Declarations of Interest

None

22. Variation Of A Premises Licence For Brynmenyn Stores, 4 Abergarw Road, Brynmenyn, Bridgend CF32 9LF

Decision Made	<p>The report was presented by the Senior Licensing Officer, the purpose of which was to determine a variation of a premises license for Brynmenyn Stores (Premier).</p> <p>It was established that Mr David Price remained an Objector and though not present at the meeting, would be represented by Councillor Thomas. The other objector, Mr Philip Sage had withdrawn his objection.</p> <p>During the course of the meeting the Chairperson was unwell, and therefore Councillor Berrow took the Chair in her place, following this being moved and seconded. Councillor Lewis remained in the meeting.</p> <p>A discussion took place between the panel, applicant and his solicitor with regards to the below mentioned points :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The solicitor representing the Applicant stated that the applicant's licensable hours were not expected to add to any antisocial behaviour and the extension of his license hours would only allow him to be a better commercial entity and hopefully serve the people in the area better than he already is.• A member asked how the applicant would prevent a sale of alcohol to an individual outwardly already drunk. The Solicitor responded that it was not possible to accurately determine the state of an individual other than what was presented in front of the person enacting that sale. However, measures were taken to ensure that staff were trained in recognising signs, being aware of the possibility that the buyer could be underage and being able to handle such situations.• The Objector asked the Senior Licensing Officer to elaborate on the statement that the South Wales Police supported the License pending recommendations. The Senior Licensing Officer responded that the agreed conditions to be imposed included :<ul style="list-style-type: none">- CCTV to be at the premises- The challenge 25 scheme to be implemented with signage to that effect.- Staff training to be conducted in the challenge 25 scheme and records to be maintained of that training.
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- The Senior Lawyer then sought clarification from the Objector with regards to the objections raised. The Objector confirmed that on the basis of the measures being introduced, he would be withdrawing his objections. The Objector mentioned that they would continue to monitor the progress and operation for the benefit of the community. The Senior Lawyer also stated that as the other Objector was not present to give his representation, the members of the panel could only take into consideration his written objections at the time the decision was being made.

RESOLVED :

The Sub-Committee determined to grant the licence for the Sale of Alcohol for consumption off the premises to the following: -

Monday to Sunday 07:00 to 22:00 hours

In accordance with the agreement with the Police the following conditions will also be added to the Licence: -

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 officers either to USB, disc or via any system utilised by South Wales Police, upon lawful demand by a Police officer or Local Authority officer at no cost.

The CCTV system will be registered and comply with the requirements under data protection.

Signage shall be prominently displayed advising customers that they are being filmed on CCTV.

The CCTV system will be checked on a monthly basis to ensure that it is fully operational, and a log confirming this will be kept at the premises for inspection.

2. Implement and operate 'Challenge 25 Scheme' to include:

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	<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.</p> <p>3. Staff will be trained to ask any customers who appear to be under 25 to produce an acceptable form of ID when they attempt to purchase alcohol.</p> <p>Only acceptable forms of ID to be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a) PASS Accredited Proof of Ageb) Photo driving licencec) Passportd) Military ID <p>Only original documents are acceptable. Photographs of the aforementioned documents (shown on mobile phones etc) will not be accepted.</p> <p>All staff involved in the sale of alcohol at the Premises to receive training concerning the use of Challenge 25 scheme, production of ID and acceptable forms of identification, refusals register and proxy sales of alcohol. Such training to be documented and signed and dated by the individual staff member concerned. A written record of the same to be retained at the Premises and made available to any Authorised Officer on request. Refresher training to be carried out at least every 6 months.</p>
Date Decision Made	06/02/2025

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The meeting closed at 10:30.

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