

LICENSING ACT 2003 SUB-COMMITTEE (B) - WEDNESDAY, 8 APRIL 2026

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, 8 APRIL 2026 AT 10:00

Present:

Councillors

RM James

S Easterbrook

Present Virtually

HT Bennett

Officers:

MA Galvin
S Pitchford
Y Witchell
M Pitman

Senior Democratic Services Officer – Committees
Legal Officer
Senior Licensing Officer
Democratic Services Officer - Technical

Invitees

S Yavuz (represented by S Uddin, Solicitor)
G Farnham, Immigration enforcement Officer, Home Office

Appointment of Chairperson

In the absence of the Chairperson Councillor R Williams, it was moved and duly seconded that Councillor Bennett Chairs the meeting.

96. Apologies for Absence

Decision Made	Apologies were received from Councillor R Williams.
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97. Declarations of Interest

Decision Made	None
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**98. Review of Premises License for USA Chicken, Pizza & Kebabs, 25
Talbot Street, Maesteg, Bridgend, CF34 9DW**

Decision Made	<p>The Senior Officer – Licensing presented a report in order that members could determine an application for a review of a premises licence in respect of the above premises. The application had been submitted by the Home Office.</p> <p>Following an outline of the application for the benefit of members, Counsel for the licence holder made an application to adjourn the hearing on the following grounds.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a. The licence holder and premises manager were native Turkish speakers. They therefore required an interpreter to participate in proceedings in a proper and fair manner. The application for review was a serious application, as it could result in the premises licence being revoked. It would prejudice the licence holder to proceed without an interpreter and both counsel and solicitor for the licence holder would be professionally embarrassed.b. Counsel for the licence holder submitted that it would not prejudice the Home Office to adjourn the hearing because the mischief complained of, ie illegal employment, was historical coupled with the fact that the matter had been ongoing for some time.
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	<p>c. Due to a miscommunication, the premises manager was not in attendance. His attendance was considered vital to the licence holder responding to the application for review.</p> <p>Counsel advised that his instructing solicitors could arrange a Turkish interpreter within 14 days. Therefore, any adjournment not be for longer than that period.</p> <p>The Home Office representative when asked, opposed the application for an adjournment on the grounds that this matter had already been adjourned a month earlier. However, they did not object to the substance of counsel's submissions.</p> <p>The sub-committee therefore agreed to retire to deliberate with the Council's Legal officer. The sub-committee further agreed that the licence holder could not understand proceedings or participate properly in the meeting without an interpreter, and that this would unfairly prejudice him to proceed in the absence of one.</p> <p>In its written application, the Home Office had asked for the sub-committee to seriously consider revoking the licence. It was therefore an application with potentially serious consequences for the licence holder and premises manager. Natural justice required that he be able to understand and respond to the application against him.</p> <p>The period of adjournment requested was short and the allegations were historical, with there being no allegations of ongoing illegal activity at the premises. There was therefore little prejudice to the Home Office by adjourning the meeting for a relatively short period of time, nor any danger to the public.</p> <p><u>RESOLVED:</u></p> <p>That the sub-committee agreed to adjourn the hearing by 14 days and that the reconvened meeting, be held remotely.</p>
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The meeting closed at 12:19.