

**LICENSING AND GAMBLING ACTS
SUB COMMITTEE
(LICENSING ACT 2003 HEARING)**

(Civic Centre, Neath)

Members Present:

13th December, 2011

Chairman: Councillor E.V.Latham

Vice Chairman: Councillor A.P.H.Davies

Councillor: H.N.James

Officers in Attendance: N.Chapple (Licensing Section);
I.Davies (Legal Department);
A.Borthwick (Committee Section).

**Representing
The Woolpack:** Mr.J.Hughes and Mrs.J.Hughes

**Representing the
Police Authority:** PC J.Williams

Interested Party: Mr.C.Jeffreys

Report of the Head of Legal and Democratic Services

1. **LICENSING ACT 2003 (HEARINGS) REGULATION 2005 –
APPLICATION FOR THE VARIATION OF PREMISES
LICENCE – THE WOOLPACK, 68 HIGH STREET,
GLYNNEATH, NEATH SA11 5DA**

The Sub Committee was asked to consider an application for a variation of the Licence for the above mentioned premises. The circulated report contained details of the application under the Licensing Act 2003.

On behalf of the applicant, M.J.Hughes and his wife Mrs.J.Hughes, attended the meeting, as well as an interested party, Mr.C.Jeffreys.

At the start of the meeting the Licensing Officer circulated street plans of Glynneath and a premises layout plan of the Woolpack, to all present, allowing sufficient time for Members to read.

The Licensing Officer updated the Sub Committee on the background of the application. It was explained that the requested variations were as set out in the circulated report, and also a summary document of the variations was tabled, which could be summarised as follows:-

To extend the opening hours of the premises on Monday to Thursday from 00.00 (midnight) to 00.30, and on Friday to Sunday from 00.30 to 2.00am., whereby as a consequence, it was also requested that other hours of entertainment be extended, as outlined in the circulated report. However, the principal request was the extension of the opening hours .

The Sub Committee noted that various written representations had been made. These first consisted of objections from the Police Authority, which were shown as Appendix 1 to the circulated report. The Environmental Health Section had also made written representation, indicating that noise complaints had been received previously, and as a consequence wished additional conditions to be imposed if a variation was granted. These conditions were also contained in Appendix 1 to the report.

It was noted that two letters of objection had been received from residents of High Street, Glynneath regarding noise issues and copies of these letters were contained in Appendix 2 to the report.

The Sub Committee then heard the representations from the Police Authority, the concerned party and the applicant's representatives. An additional page, omitted from a witness statement, to the Police Authority was also tabled at the meeting for Members' consideration. Each party was then also allowed to question each person once they had made their representations.

All parties then summed up, prior to withdrawing, when the sub Committee then adjourned to make its decision.

The parties then returned to the meeting to be informed of the decision.

RESOLVED: that the variations to the Premises Licence as referred to above, be refused.

CHAIRMAN