

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

(Civic Centre, Port Talbot)

Members Present:

14th January, 2014

Chairman: Councillor H.G.Rawlings

Councillors: J.R.Bryant and D.Whitelock

Officers in Attendance: N.Chapple and P.Malough (Licensing Section);
I.Davies (Legal Section);
Miss C.L.Davies (Committee Section).

**Representative of the
Police Authority:** P.C. J.Williams and P.C. N.Bailey

Report of the Head of Legal Services

1. **LICENSING ACT 2003 (HEARINGS) REGULATION 2005 –
APPLICATION FOR A PREMISES LICENCE – BUBBLES BAR,
10-12 THE PARADE, NEATH**

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

The applicant and his son attended the meeting along with the applicant's Solicitor.

The Licensing Officer gave Members an overview of the application, as contained in the circulated report, along with 2 documents which were circulated at the meeting, these included a plan of the application premises and a map of where the premises was situated.

The Licensing Officer advised that representations had been received from two Responsible Authorities; the South Wales Police and the Licensing Section. In their representations the Police had suggested a number of conditions which were reproduced in Appendix 1 to the circulated report and the conditions suggested by the Licensing Section were reproduced in Appendix 2 to the circulated report.

Prior to the Sub Committee meeting a discussion had taken place between the Police and the applicant, the majority of the conditions required by the Police had been agreed. In addition it had been agreed that licensable activities would cease at 02.30 rather than 03.00 and that the premises would close at 03.00 rather than 03.30.

The General Manager of the Bluebell Hotel attended the meeting as an interested party. He confirmed that he was supportive of the application but raised concerns about the 03.00 closing time.

The Sub Committee then adjourned in order to reach its final decision, before all parties returned to the meeting.

RESOLVED: that the License be granted with the following conditions:-

Opening Hours

Monday to Sunday – 08.00 – 03.00

Supply of Alcohol (on the premises only)

Monday to Sunday - 08.00 -02.30

Films: Indoors

Monday to Sunday - 08:00 – 02:30

Live Music: Indoors

Monday to Sunday - 08:00 – 02:30

Recorded Music: Indoors

Monday to Sunday – 08:00 – 02:30

Performances of dance: Indoors

Monday to Sunday - 08:00 – 02:30

Anything of a similar description: Indoors

Monday to Sunday - 08:00 – 02:30

Late Night Refreshment: Indoors

Monday to Sunday - 08:00 - 02:30

1. A Digital CCTV system shall be installed at the premises which will be operational at all times when the premises is open to the public. The system must provide coverage of the following areas:-

- The entrances and exits to the premises;
- The interior public areas of the premises;
- The exterior smoking area

The CCTV recordings must be retained for a period of 31 days and made available for viewing by the Police or an authorised Officer of the Licensing Authority on request.

2. The Designated Premises Supervisor will permit the Police to undertake any exercise or operation at the premises without prior notification, for example the use of a drug itemiser testing machine or drugs dog to check the premises or customers at the premises as a condition of entry.
3. The premises licence holder shall participate in the Neath Port Talbot Business Crime Reduction Partnership (BCRP) and Nite Net radio schemes and the premises licence holder or a suitable representative shall attend all meetings.
4. No open glasses or bottles shall be brought into or out of the premises by customers.
5. The Premises must provide SIA licensed door supervisors in accordance with the requirements specified below: -

- From 23.00 Sundays to Thursdays staff are to be provided as follows:

Up to 100 patrons - 1 door staff

From 100 patrons to 200 patrons – 2 door staff

Over 200 patrons – 3 door staff

- On Fridays and Saturdays from 21.00 a minimum of 2 door staff will be provided
 - Door staff to be provided at any times notified by the Police as being a “special event day” e.g. rugby internationals
6. A daily register of security personnel will be maintained. The register shall show the name, address and licence number of each door supervisor, and the dates and times that they operate. The register must be kept available for inspection by the Police and authorised officers of the Local Authority.
 7. The premises licence holder shall ensure that all door Supervisors shall wear conspicuous clothing which identifies them as such. They shall also display their S.I.A licence in a reflective armband whilst on duty
 8. An incident recording book shall be maintained at the premises showing details of the date and time of all assaults, injuries, accidents or ejections, as well as details of the members of staff involved, the nature of the incident and the action/outcome. The book must be kept available for inspection by the Police and authorised officers of the Local Authority.
 9. Alcoholic or soft drinks shall not be permitted to be taken outside of the premises after 23.00

10. A refusal book shall be maintained recording the date and time of all attempts by persons under the age of 18 to purchase alcohol. The book shall be made available for viewing by the Police or authorised officer of the Licensing Authority on request.
11. During times whilst amplified music is being played at the premises:-
 - All windows shall be kept closed.
 - All doors shall be kept closed excluding the outer doors of a double door entry system.
12. A Challenge 25 Policy will apply and Proof of age will be required from any person who appears to be under the age of 25 years who attempts to purchase or consume alcohol. The means of verification should be restricted to:-
 - P.A.S.S Accredited Proof of Age Schemes e.g. Citizen Card, Proof GB
 - Photocard driving licence or passport.
13. A counting system shall be used to determine the number of occupants at any one time.
14. The capacity for the premises will be 220.
15. Where drinks are consumed in the open air e.g. in the smoking area, toughened or plastic vessels must be used.
16. Prominent signs must be displayed throughout the premises and at all exits requesting patrons to leave in a quiet and orderly manner so as to minimise noise impact on local residents

CHAIRMAN