

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

(Civic Centre, Neath)

Members Present:

27th March, 2012

Chairman: Councillor E.V.Latham

Vice Chairman: Councillor A.P.H.Davies

Councillor: M.B.Gunter

Officers in Attendance: N.Chapple (Licensing Section);
I.Davies (Legal Department);
Mrs.T.Davies (Committee Services).

**Representing South
Wales Police:** Sgt. A.Abraham and PC J.Williams

**Representing
Pontardawe AFC:** P.Hall and M.Davies

Interested Parties: Mrs.S. Richards; Mrs.A.Thomas;
Mrs.Hamer, Mr.Hamer and Councillor L.M.Purcell

Report of the Head of Legal and Democratic Services

1. **LICENSING ACT 2003 (HEARINGS) REGULATION 2005 –
APPLICATION FOR A PREMISES LICENCE – PONTARDAWE
AFC, CHURCH STREET, PONTARDAWE, SWANSEA, SA8 4JB**

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

The Designated Premises Supervisor and his representative were present at the meeting, as well as four interested parties and the local Ward Member.

Members noted representations from South Wales Police (Appendix 1 to the circulated report) as well as 9 letters of opposition from local residents. The Sub Committee was informed by the Licensing Officer that following discussions prior to the meeting between South Wales Police, the local residents and the representatives from Pontardawe AFC, that South Wales Police would be happy to withdraw their representations, should Pontardawe AFC agree to new conditions being attached to any licence granted.

The representatives from Pontardawe AFC confirmed they would be agreeable to surrender the current Club Premises Certificate in favour of Mr. M. Davies being granted a Personal Licence as well as the addition of the conditions to the licence, as set out below:

- RESOLVED:** that a Personal licence be granted to Mr. M.Davies with the following conditions being applied to the licence:-
- (a) For 16th, 18th and 21st birthday functions the use of glass drinking vessels is prohibited. Alcohol which is supplied in glass bottles shall be decanted into polycarbonate or similar drinking vessels;
 - (b) No open glasses or bottles shall be brought into or out of the premises by customers;
 - (c) Where drinks are likely to be consumed in the open air e.g. smoking/patio area, toughened or plastic vessels shall be provided;
 - (d) Notices must be displayed at the main entrance to the premises advising patrons that drugs are not allowed into the premises and searches may be carried out by Door Supervisors, Security Staff or nominated responsible person;

- (e) The Premises must provide SIA licensed door supervisors in accordance with the requirements specified below:-
- At all functions, e.g. birthdays and engagements, with weddings and funerals to be discussed with the Police
- (f) The premises must provide a minimum of 2 door supervisors whenever regulated entertainment is provided;
- (g) 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;
- (h) 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;
- (i) A drug search policy as agreed with the Police shall be implemented as a condition of entry to the premises. The premises will also give permission for the police to implement any drugs operation at the premises;
- (j) 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;

- (k) Alcohol or soft drinks shall not be permitted to be taken outside of the premises;
- (l) 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 drugs itemiser testing machine or drugs dog to check the premises or customers at the premises as a condition of entry;
- (m) A refusal book must be maintained recording the date and time of all attempts by persons under the age of 18 to purchase alcohol;
- (n) Provide prominent signs throughout the premises and at all exits requesting patrons to leave in a quiet and orderly manner so as to minimise impact on local residents;
- (o) 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;
- (p) Provide prominent signs in the smoking/patio area and any other outside area requesting patrons to keep noise levels to a minimum as to minimise impact on local residents;
- (q) The placing of refuse into receptacles outside the premises shall take place at times that will minimise the disturbance to nearby properties;
- (r) Challenge 21 policy will apply and Proof of age will be required from any person who appears to be under the age of 21 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;

- (s) A documented procedure must be in place to verify the age of person who appear to be under eighteen years of age to prevent them gaining access to the premises and/or purchasing alcohol. The means of verification should be restricted to:-
- Accredited Proof of Age Scheme's
e.g. Portman, Validate;
 - Photocard driving licence or passport;
- (t) The Premises licence holder can nominate on up to 12 occasions per calendar year, "Special Event" days, when opening hours will be extended to include all licensable activities. They will give 7 days notice in writing to the local Police Licensing Officer and the Licensing Authority. If the Police object and give 48 hours written notice (from receipt of the notification) to the premises licence holder then the event will not take place;
- (u) List of events for each month to be provided to the Police.

CHAIRMAN