

LICENSING AND GAMBLING ACTS SUB COMMITTEE

(Multi-Location Meeting - Council Chamber, Port Talbot & Microsoft Teams)

Members Present:

20 January 2025

Chairperson: Councillor A.J.Richards

Vice Chairperson: Councillor J.Henton

Councillors: S.Paddison

Officers in Attendance: N.Chapple, G.White, M.Greenish and N.Jones

1. **Chairpersons Announcements**

The Chair, Councillor A J Richards welcomed all to the meeting.

2. **Declarations of Interest**

There were no Declaration of Interest received.

3. **Application for the Grant of a Premises Licence**

Members were asked to consider an application made by the following representative.

Premises Name	Old Park Farm
Premises Address	Water Street, Port Talbot, Margam, SA13 2PB
Applicant Name's	Climax Promotions & Events Limited
Applicant Address	Bute House, Unit 1b Lakeview Business Park, Lamby Way, Rumney, Cardiff, CF3 2EP
DPS Name	Robert Dudley

At the commencement of the hearing, the Chair welcomed all parties to the meeting, made introductions and outlined the procedure to be followed.

Mr Neil Chapple, the Legal Regulatory Services Manager, introduced the report and outlined the key points in relation to the application.

Mr Oli Bartlam and Mr Robert Dudley for and on behalf of the Applicant, the Applicant's representative, Mr Matthew Phipps, and others employed by the Applicant, attended the meeting, and presented evidence and answered questions.

The Responsible Authorities did not attend the meeting.

Six representations had been submitted by Other Persons who were also local residents. Mr Morris (in person) and Mr Powell (remotely) attended the meeting, and presented evidence and answered questions.

Decision:

With a view to ensuring the promotion of the four licensing objectives, and in accordance with the principles of the Council's own 'Statement of Licensing Policy (2021)', and the provisions of the Statutory Guidance issued under s.182 of the Licensing Act 2003, the Sub-Committee resolved to **Approve** the application for the new premises licence, subject to the conditions outlined in the report which had been agreed between the Applicant, South Wales Police and the Legal Regulatory Service.

Reasons:

In reaching a determination, the Sub-Committee concluded the following:

1. Overall, the Sub-Committee considered that the representations and evidence from the Responsible Authorities, the Applicant, and Other Persons compelling and relevant.
2. Members considered that the robust conditions had been agreed upon with the Responsible Authorities and that the Licence did not cause them any concern. The Licence was in-line with the Policy and Guidance.
3. Members were satisfied with the expertise and experience of the Applicant and its commitment to risk assessments, training, policies, and Event Safety Management Plan. They felt the Premises were, indubitably, in safe hands and the Licence should be granted.
4. The Committee was grateful that the Other Persons wanted to work with the Applicant to rectify the issues rather than seek its demise, and their measured attitude towards the proposed

conditions illustrated that. Moreover, the two Other Persons in attendance were in favour of the Licence.

5. The best and most efficient solution was to accept all the conditions proposed by South Wales Police, Legal Regulatory Service, and the Applicant – as tight controls were required – to protect the residents residing in the vicinity and visitors to the Event.
6. The Sub-Committee considered the licensing objectives to be of paramount and that the Applicant had met the standards of those objectives. The conditions proposed and attached to the Licence were a proportionate.

4. **Urgent Items**

There were no urgent items.