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Mr Jonathan Harris,  
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16<sup>th</sup> February 2023.

Dear Mr. Harris,

**Reports of Issues at Glynneath FC**

Firstly, apologies for disturbing you at work but I felt it was important that we spoke about the reported issues at the club before the weekend.

Secondly, as I said during our phone conversation any reports of underage drinking at licensed premises warrant a discussion with either the Designated Premises Supervisor or the Premises Licence Holder and as you are the majority shareholder of the company that holds the premises licence, I thought you would be the best person to speak to.

The reality may be very different but the information about years 10 & 11 attending your events has come from a local secondary school and has not been verified, but I would rather make sure that if any of the students think they can get served at the football club, measures are already in place to prevent that happening.

If they are not the consequences can be very severe as Sect 146 (1) of the Licensing Act 2003 creates the offence of sale of alcohol to children and says;

*A person commits an offence if he sells alcohol to an individual aged under 18.*



It would also be an offence of breaching your premises licence conditions, namely Annex 2, condition 7 which says

*A documented procedure must be in place to verify the age of person who appears 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:-*

- ( a ) Accredited proof of age schemes e.g. Portman*
- (b) Validate, Photocard driving licence or passport*

I must admit to being relieved when we spoke about birthday parties this weekend, that you were able to reassure me that there was only a ladies 50<sup>th</sup> Birthday party upstairs and no 17<sup>th</sup> birthday parties have been booked, as I had been led to believe.

We have spoken many times in the past about the issues that birthday parties for people 18 and under have caused venues in the past and the last thing I would want to see is if the football club become victims of behaviour of youngsters attending a party at your venue.

I must warn you that the penalty for breaching either of the issues I have identified could be very severe for the football club and as you have made great strides in making it a vibrant premises, in an area with little else similar, I would hate to see that work undermined or penalised.

I am sure you, as you said during our conversation, that you will work tirelessly to make sure you do not serve any underage customers and I hope you have a good weekend at the club that goes off without incident.

I would also be grateful if you could, as you indicated, ensure that either you or, someone on your behalf, liaise with Pc Cranny to arrange collection of the CCTV that has been requested before it is overwritten.

If you have any questions or would like any further advice please contact me on either of the above numbers.

Yours sincerely,

*Nick Bailey*

Police Licensing Officer  
(On behalf of the Chief Officer of Police)

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