STATUTORY LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE

Decision Notice – Meeting, 5th July, 2022.

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Present: Councillors L. Burnett, M.J.G. Morgan and J.M. Norman.

Also present: Licensing Officer (Vale of Glamorgan Council), Legal Officer (FTB Chambers), Democratic Services Officers (Vale of Glamorgan Council); Mr. C. Birch and Mrs B. Pugh.

AGENDA ITEM 1. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR –

RESOLVED – T H A T Councillor M.J.G. Morgan be elected as the Chair for the duration of the Sub-Committee hearing.

AGENDA ITEM 2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST –

No declarations of interest were received.

AGENDA ITEM 3. GRANT OF A PREMISES LICENCE – FREDWELL CAFÉ, PANT WILKIN STABLES, ABERTHIN, COWBRIDGE -

RESOLVED – T H A T the application, with amended conditions, be approved.

Reasons for decision

In reaching the decision the Sub-Committee had listened carefully to the representations made during the hearing by all parties and taken into account the written representation of the resident who chose not to attend.

It was noted that the police representation was withdrawn upon the acceptance by the applicant of the conditions contained in their letter dated 6th June, 2022 (Appendix B).

The Sub-Committee had regard to the statement of licensing policy; the DCMS Guidance issued under s.182 of The LA 2003; and The Human Rights Act 1998. The Sub-Committee viewed this as a modest application. The premises were small and had had no historical impact. The Sub-Committee had no reason to believe that permission to sell alcohol as an ancillary to a table meal inside the premises would alter this position.

As a further safeguard the Sub-Committee attached further conditions to the licence which would limit its operation, as follows:-

- 1. A CCTV system would be installed to an agreed standard approved by South Wales Police and maintained and operated at all times when the premises were open to the public. The system would cover all areas of the premises to which the public had access (excluding toilets) including all public entrances and exits. The images would be available for a minimum of 31 days. The images would be produced to a Police employee, in a readily playable format, immediately upon request when the premises were open to the public and at all other times as soon as reasonably practicable. There would be sufficient trained staff to facilitate the above.
- 2. The premises would operate a 'Challenge 25' policy. This policy would be brought to customers' attention by staff and through the display of appropriate signage. The only forms of identification recognised would be photographic identification cards, such as a driving licence, passport, HM Forces Card or proof of age scheme with PASS logo.
- 3. An incident record would be kept at the premises. Any incident of crime or disorder witnessed by staff or any incident reported by customers was to be reported in the log. The following information should be recorded in relation to each incident:-
- Date and time of the incident
- Name of person making the report
- Names of the parties involved (if known) or description of the parties (in as much detail as possible)
- Nature of the incident
- Any action taken thereafter
- Refusal of sale

Staff would be trained in relation to their responsibility to complete an incident report. Access to incident reports would be made available to South Wales Police on request.

- 4. All customer focussed staff would receive relevant training in relation to alcohol sales and the promotion of the licensing objectives. This training would be refreshed annually with a record held on the premises. The training record would be retained for a period of 12 months and would be available for inspection upon request by a South Wales Police Officer or other authorised person.
- 5. At least 50% of the licensed area would be laid to tables and chairs
- 6. Whenever the premises was hired out for a private function or a preplanned event was held and alcohol was being sold, the Designated Premises Supervisor or a personal Licence Holder would be present for the duration of the event.

7. (As amended) Intoxicating liquor should not be sold or supplied on the premises otherwise than to persons taking table meals there and for consumption by such a person as an ancillary to that meal.

The Sub-Committee was encouraged by the dialogue that already existed between Mrs Pugh and the Applicant and urged that this would continue. Should issues arise in connection with the premises which cannot be resolved, Mrs Pugh was reminded of her right to seek a review of the licence at a later date.

Any person who made a representation against the grant of this licence had a right of appeal against the decision. Any appeal must be made in writing to the Magistrates Court 21 days from the date of the decision.