

STATUTORY LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE

Minutes of a Hybrid meeting held on 11th May, 2026.

The Committee agenda is available [here](#).

The recording of the meeting is available [here](#).

Present: Councillors P. Drake, W.A. Hennessy and J.M. Norman.

Also present: N. Carney (Applicant's Representative), Dr. R. Taylor (Interested Party), K. Evans (Licensing Officer – Vale of Glamorgan Council), J. Cass (Legal Officer – Vale of Glamorgan Council), L. Whitaker (Democratic and Scrutiny Services Officer – Vale of Glamorgan Council).

(a) Announcement –

Prior to the commencement of the business of the Committee, the Chair read the following statement: “May I remind everyone present that the meeting will be live streamed as well as recorded via the internet and this recording archived for future viewing.”

(b) Appointment of Chair –

RESOLVED – T H A T Councillor P. Drake be appointed Chair for the duration of the meeting.

(c) Declarations of Interest –

No declarations of interest were received.

(d) Licensing Act 2003 – Variation of a Premises Licence Application Sully Sports and Social Club (DEH) –

The Sub-Committee considered the application which sought to vary the premises licence under the Licensing Act 2003 in respect of Sully Sports and Social Club, South Road, Sully, Vale of Glamorgan CF64 5SP, to extend the provision of live music (indoors and outdoors) on Saturdays, and change these from 20:00 hours until 01:00 hours to 12:00 hours (midday) until 01:00 hours.

The hearing was attended by the Applicant's representative and Club Secretary of Sully Sports and Social Club, Ms. Natalie Carney who made representations for The Applicant, and also by Dr. Rosemary Taylor who made representations in objection to the application.

The Licensing Officer outlined the report to the Sub-Committee, which had been previously distributed to Members, together with the additional representations. As there had been relevant representations received objecting to the proposed variation, Members were asked to determine the application.

Representations were received in advance of the meeting in writing from Dr. Taylor, and these were appended to the report as part of the agenda. One additional representation had been received in objection to the application, however, this was subsequently withdrawn on the basis that the Applicant was willing for a condition to be applied to the variation, to state that the extension to live music be limited to two Saturdays per calendar year.

The Sub-Committee noted that there had been no representations received from the Responsible Authorities.

The Applicant's Representative subsequently made their verbal representations and advised that The Sully Sports and Social Club had been approached by an event management company to host a one-off Country and Western music festival on Saturday, 16th May, 2026. This would be a ticketed event, which they hoped would attract around 4,000 attendees. In addition to the live music, the event would include attractions for children. The earlier start time for live music was required because the organisers aimed to attract a family-orientated audience to the event.

Councillor Norman then asked the Applicant's representative why they had not applied for a Temporary Events Notice to cover this event specifically, as opposed to a variation to the premises license. The Applicant's representative advised that they understood that a Temporary Events Notice would not be appropriate for the event, as it was intended for over 500 people in attendance, whereas Temporary Events Notices could only cover events for under 500 people. The Licensing Officer confirmed this was correct.

In response to a query from the Licensing Officer, the Applicant's representative advised that they did not anticipate the event continuing after 22:00 hours.

Councillor Hennessy asked the Applicant's representative if the local community had been consulted on their views on the plans for the event. In response, the Applicant's representative advised that the event had been well advertised, particularly on social media, and that they were unsure what other consultation methods would be possible, in order to survey local residents' opinions.

In response to a query from Councillor Norman, the Applicant's representative advised that the event would only be accessed by ticket holders.

In response to a query from the Legal Officer, the Applicant's representative confirmed that the event was due to take place on Saturday, 16th May, 2026, on the weekend following the hearing.

In response to a query from Councillor Hennessy, the Applicant's representative advised that they did not have plans to hold events such as this on a regular basis.

In response to the same query from Councillor Hennessy, the Licensing Officer reiterated the fact that the Applicant had agreed to limit their extension of hours within which live music could be played to two Saturdays per calendar year.

The Interested Party in objection to the variation subsequently made their verbal representations, and advised that they, like other local residents lived in close proximity to The Sully Sports and Social Club. They advised that their garden backed onto the field and outdoor area of the venue, and that if there was a lot of noise at the premises, this would mean that they would be unable to enjoy their garden without being negatively affected by the noise.

The Interested Party questioned whether the site was an appropriate one for an event of this size, due to the pressure created on traffic and parking in the area. They added that other events held in Sully, including boot sales organised by The Sports and Social Club had caused disruption to residents, particularly with additional visitors parking over residents' driveways. In summary, the Interested Party advised that their concerns surrounding the Application were centred around both the noise levels created by the event, and the impact on residents' daily lives, due to the increased visitor traffic.

The Licensing Officer subsequently clarified that while Members could consider the effects of music and noise levels on residents, traffic implications were not a matter that the Sub-Committee could have regard to in making their decision.

As a closing statement, the Applicant's representative advised that they wanted to work well with all the residents of Sully, and that they hoped to keep any disruption caused to local people to a minimum. They added that the event was being well organised, with a detailed and comprehensive event management plan in place, which included plans for traffic management. They advised that for previous events held at the premises, including their boot sale events, the management team had worked with the Police and the Council with the aim of making the events successful and well run.

As a final point of clarification, Councillor Hennessy asked the Applicant's representative whether they had been in contact with the local Police about their plans for the event. In response, the Applicant's representative advised that they had contacted the Police regarding the event, and that the event management plan accounted for all manner of potential scenarios, should they arise.

Following this, the Applicant's representative, the Interested Party and the Licensing Officer in attendance left the hearing, and the Licensing Sub-Committee deliberated the application in private with the support of the Council's Legal Officer and Democratic Services Officer.

The Licensing Sub-Committee subsequently:

RESOLVED – T H A T the application to vary the Premises License be granted, subject to modification of the operating schedule, such that the variation permitting

live music between 12:00 and 01:00 hours shall be limited to no more than two Saturdays per calendar year.

Reason for decision

The Sub-Committee approached the application on its own merits, having regard to the specific nature, location and characteristics of the premises and the licensable activities proposed. In reaching its decision, the Sub-Committee carefully considered the application, the Licensing Officer's report, the written and verbal representations, and the submissions made at the hearing.

In reaching the decision, the Sub-Committee had considered the application along with the written and oral submissions. The Sub-Committee had taken into account the Licensing Act 2003 as amended, in particular the licensing objectives and the Home Office Guidance, along with the Council's Statement of Licensing Policy.

The Sub-Committee considered that limiting the extended hours for live music to no more than two days per calendar year represented a proportionate response, appropriately balancing the promotion of the licensing objectives with the facilitation of community events.

Significant weight was placed on the absence of objection from any Responsible Authority, including the Police and Environmental Health, and on the Applicant's engagement with residents and willingness to limit the number of events.

While the concerns of local residents were acknowledged and taken seriously, the Sub-Committee was satisfied that, on the evidence before it, the proposed variation subject to limitation would not undermine the licensing objectives.

The Sub-Committee noted that appropriate remedies remain available, including the statutory review process, should issues arise in practice, regarding the amendments to the Premises License.