

STATUTORY LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE

Minutes of a Hybrid meeting held on 1st July 2026.

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

Also present: S. Dovey and N. Pagano (Applicant's Representatives), Mr. and Mrs. D. Murphy and M. Withers (Interested Parties), K. Evans (Licensing Officer – Vale of Glamorgan Council), R. Price (Principal Legal Officer – Vale of Glamorgan Council), M. Swindell (Cabinet and Committee Services Officer – Vale of Glamorgan Council).

(a) [Announcement](#) –

Prior to the commencement of the business of the Committee, the Clerk 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) [Application for a New Premises Licence at Cosmeston Lakeside Café \(DEH\)](#) –

The Sub-Committee considered the application which sought to determine an application for the grant of a premises licence at Cosmeston Lakeside Café, Cosmeston Lakes Country Park, Lavernock Road, Penarth, Vale of Glamorgan CF64 5UY.

The hearing was attended by the Applicant's representatives from Big Fresh Catering Company Limited, S. Davey and N. Pagano, who made representations for the Applicant, and also by Mr. and Mrs. D. Murphy and Mr. M. Withers who made representations in objection to the application.

The Licensing Officer outlined the report that had been distributed to all parties prior to the Committee meeting. The application was appropriately advertised, and it was explained that during the consultation period the application was revised for the sale of alcohol on and off the premises for Monday to Sunday 12:00hrs to 22:30hrs. The premises were a well-established publicly accessed café that had an internal dining area and kitchen with toilet facilities. A representation from South Wales Police had been withdrawn as conditions had been agreed with the Applicant. Off sales of alcohol would be restricted to the outside area and ticketing requirements and age restrictions such as till prompts would apply in certain instances. Responses were received from residents and the local Member who raised concerns related to anti-social behaviour, impact on wildlife, litter and the tranquil nature of the park. The Applicant made a statement in response which was contained at Appendix D. There was previously a licence at the premises surrendered in February 2026 that operated between 07:00hrs to 23:00hrs.

As there had been relevant representations received objecting to the proposed application, Members were asked to determine the application.

The Sub-Committee noted that during the consultation period there had initially been a representation received from South Wales Police as a Responsible Authority, however, their request for a hearing was subsequently withdrawn and licensing conditions were agreed with the Applicant. It was proposed that those conditions be attached to the licence should the Sub-Committee be minded to grant the application, details of which were listed in Paragraph 4.3 of the report.

Mr. S. Davey as the Applicant's Representative subsequently made a verbal representation and advised that the licence was designed to bring in extra income and cover evening events. The sale of alcohol would be minimal and secondary to the operation of the café. Events like 'Sip and Stitch', which was explained to Members, would allow the provision of bottles of wine but there was no intention to disturb the nature and that the licensee would work with the Rangers. Alcohol would not be able to be taken into the wider park, and the premises would be managed like the premises in Penarth Pier. The application looked to extend the offering of products and was not meant to cause concern to the local community. There would be small events with a seating area of 66 inside the premises and the service of alcohol would be alongside food.

The Applicant's Representative was asked how they would prevent alcohol being taken into the wider park. It was explained that staff would be trained, they would work with the Rangers and be vigilant. Members were advised that a suggestion box had brought about the request for the provision of alcohol. Mr. Withers asked about the number of staff who would be present and was advised that the number of staff would accommodate the foot flow. He was advised that there were six picnic benches to the outside area and that there were no plans to extending the outside seating area. Mr. Muphy was asked about previous issues when alcohol was

served, and stated that he could not recall any, but nothing had extended into the evening from his recollection.

Mr. Murphy stated that he was concerned that there would be a reliance on staff to police the alcohol. He stated that he did not know the numbers that would attend the ticketed events. Mr. Withers stated that the patio area was lake-facing with a glass facing to the mud flats, that people already took alcohol to the lakes and that the opportunity to extend that opportunity was not appropriate. He discussed public transport links, parking and new construction together with respecting the land, however it was confirmed that issues relating to parking were not matters for the Licensing Committee.

As a closing statement, the Applicant's Representative said that if there were larger ticketed events, door security would be employed and that he explained that he understood the concerns of residents and wanted to work with the community. The written representations of all parties had been taken into account.

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 –

(1) T H A T the application for the grant of a premises licence at Cosmeston Lakeside Café, Cosmeston Lakes Country Park, Lavernock Road, Penarth, Vale of Glamorgan CF64 5UY be granted as the application and modified conditions were consistent with the operating schedule in a way that was considered appropriate for the promotion of the licensing objectives.

(2) T H A T the conditions of approval were to include the conditions agreed with South Wales Police and contained within Appendix B to the report.

Reasons for decisions

(1) In reaching its decision, the Sub-Committee had considered the application along with all those who have made both written and oral submissions. 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.

(2) Members were satisfied that the premises had operated with longer hours previously from October 2015 with no issues arising. They were satisfied that the conditions agreed with South Wales Police would address the concerns expressed by residents. No concerns had been raised by the Police in terms of crime and disorder associated with the application. Members were confident that as the offering proposed for example, 'Sip and Stitch' was based on community engagement, that the company would actively engage with the community and address any concerns

should they arise. Issues relating to parking were not matters for the Licensing Committee. Similarly, it was not the function of the Committee to address concerns relating to members of the public who may currently be bringing alcohol into the park from other establishments.