

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE HELD BY TEAMS ON TUESDAY, 13 JULY 2021

PRESENT

County Councillor J M Williams (Chair)

County Councillors F H Jump and D H Williams

1. APPLICATION FOR PREMISES LICENCE

1.1. Sub-Committee procedures

The Chair introduced the Sub-Committee and its Clerk.

The Clerk to the Sub-Committee explained the procedures to be followed by the Sub-Committee.

1.2. Application for a licence

Premises – 4 Seasons Country and Leisure Park, Trefeglwys, SY17 5QZ

Applicant – Mr J Williams and Mrs L Hughes

Objector – Mr T Kelly

The Licensing Officer presented the licensing authority's position as outlined in the report [copy filed with the signed minutes].

Mr Williams advised that they had developed a new holiday complex and a 5* bar and restaurant. The complex would be a place for peace and tranquillity. They had no plans for recorded music. They noted that Environmental Health had not objected to the application and they had met with the police's licensing officer who had not raised any objections and CCTV would be operational around the Park. In response to questions from the Sub-Committee regarding noise, he advised that staff in the bar would manage noise levels with the bar closing at 10.30pm. People will be asked to leave quietly and there would be signs around the site. The site has planning permission for 43 lodges, 72 static caravan pitches and 67 touring caravan pitches.

In response to questions from Mr Kelly regarding managing the customers, noise levels and the anti-social behaviour the applicant advised that there was no evidence to support the Mr Kelly's concerns. He advised the facility is a restaurant and not a pub and that any anti-social behaviour will be managed by the staff and people will be asked to leave. The police licensing officer had no objections to the application. There would be signs around the site regarding noise levels. He stated that this was not a night club. In response to the solicitor's question regarding whether regular entertainment or dicos would be provided, Mr Williams stated they would not be having this type of entertainment in the restaurant.

Mr Kelly in his statement to the Sub-Committee said that the scale of the development had been misrepresented and this would lead to noise and disruption in the area. He considered that with 180 pitches there could be 400 people on site and a few signs around the site asking people to keep noise levels

down would not quell human nature, when alcohol was consumed. He stated that the site was in a natural bowl, which affects the acoustics and so makes noise audible and disruptive across the valley. He was concerned that the application was for a licence which allowed drinking and playing music all day, which was not appropriate for the valley.

In response to a question regarding the landscape Mr Kelly advised that the valley was parabolic in nature which focusses the sound.

In summing up Mr Kelly stated that he did not believe that the applicant had a sufficiently robust plan for the management of noise and anti-social behaviour which would result from an all day alcohol licence.

In summing up the applicant stated that they were experienced in running a business which dealt with large numbers of people. The complex was for a 5* holiday complex with a fine dining restaurant and bar.

All parties confirmed that they were satisfied that they had been able to make their representations.

The Licensing Officer advised the Committee that the licenses for other premises in the area were:

Red Lion 11.00am – 12.30am Sunday – Thursday and 11.00am – 1.30am Friday and Saturday

Community Centre – 9.00am – 2.00am – seven days a week.

The Sub-Committee withdrew to consider, in private, the application and the evidence they had heard, with the support of the Clerk.

On their return the Chair announced their decision. In reaching the decision members took into account the relevant written and verbal representations.

RESOLVED	Reason for decision
That the licence applied for be granted.	The Sub-Committee were satisfied that the licensing objectives were promoted pursuant to the Licensing Act 2003.

The Clerk to the Sub-Committee advised that he would confirm the decision in writing and reminded Mr Kelly of his right to appeal. He also advised that if local residents had evidence of problems with the operation of the licence they could submit this to the Licensing Authority and apply for a review of the licence.

The Chair thanked all for attending.

County Councillor J M Williams (Chair)