CENTRAL LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE, 22.06.09

Present: Councillor Gwilym Williams (Chairman); Councillors Evie Morgan Jones and Peter Read

Also present: Sion Huws (Propriety Officer), Amlyn ab Iorwerth, (Licensing Manager), Geraint Edwards (Solicitor) and Ioan Hughes (Committee Officer)

Others invited to the meeting:

Applicants: Alun Harrison and Natalie Harrison

Objectors: Geraint Jones, representing Aberdaron Community Council:

1. APPLICATION FOR NEW PREMISES LICENCE – HENBLAS ABERDARON

The Licensing Manager's report was submitted regarding Henblas, Aberdaron for a licence to permit recorded music and to sell alcohol within and outside the premises, with food between 08.00 and 20.00 hours every day.

It was reported that the Police did not object to the application and Trading Standards had no observations. A letter was received from Aberdaron Community Council stating that they supported the application for the consumption of alcohol with the purchase of food only within Henblas restaurant, however, they objected permitting the right to drink alcohol on the tables outside.

It was noted, in a second letter, that the objection was based on preventing a public nuisance and for public safety. They added that hazards could be created if there were broken glass around the site.

In considering the application, the following procedure was followed -

- 1. Members of the Sub-committee were given an opportunity to ask questions of the Council's representative.
- 2. The applicant was invited to ask questions of the Council's representative.
- 3. Every consultee was given an invitation to support any written observations.
- 4. The applicant was given an opportunity to expand upon his application and then call witnesses.
- 5. Members of the Sub-committee were given an opportunity to ask questions of the applicant.

- The Council's representative was invited to ask questions of the applicant.
- 7. The Council's representative and the applicant were given opportunities to summarise their case.

In supporting the application, the applicants stated that their intention was to sell wine or bottled beer with meals only. In response to a comment regarding hazards such as broken glass, the applicants stated that they accepted responsibility and that glasses were also used when selling soft drinks.

In response to these observations, the Community Council's representative stated that he was not present at the meeting when the application was refused, however, he was of the view that there had been a misunderstanding and that his fellow members were not aware of the applicants' real intention. Personally, the representative was of the view that the change would be beneficial to the village.

In response to questions the applicants confirmed:

- That they are the owners of the land outside the building where the tables are located
- That alcohol will only be sold with meals.
- That alcohol would not be sold for consumption off their premises.
- That only background music would be used.

RESOLVED:

- 1. To grant the application for playing recorded music under paragraph F as follows:
 - 08.00 hours to 20.30 hours Monday to Sunday

on condition that the music played is within the building and at background level only.

- 2. To grant the application for the consumption of alcohol within the premises under paragraph M as follows:
 - 08.00 hours to 20.00 hours Friday to Sunday

on condition that alcohol is only supplied with the purchase of food at the premises.

- 3. To grant the opening hours under paragraph O as follows:
 - 08.00 hours to 20.30 hours Monday to Sunday.

The meeting commenced at 4pm and concluded at 4:20pm