

COMMITTEE:	CENTRAL LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE (MEIRIONNYDD)
DATE:	29 NOVEMBER 2012
TITLE:	APPLICATION TO REVIEW PREMISES LICENCE – CELL B, PARK SQUARE, BLAENAU FFESTINIOG
PURPOSE:	FOR DECISION
AUTHOR:	HEAD OF REGULATORY DEPARTMENT

APPLICATION

An application is appended to review the Premises Licence of Cell B, Park Square, Blaenau Ffestiniog, LL41 3AD by Mr Ian Rogers, who resides at Park Villa, Park Square, Blaenau Ffestiniog LL41 3AD.

The applicant is submitting the application for a review because of anti-social behaviour and noise late at night emanating from licensed activities held at the licensed premises of Cell B.

The review is submitted in relation to the following licensing objectives -

- Crime and disorder prevention
- Public safety
- Prevention of public nuisance

In addition to submitting evidence of anti-social incidents involving the behaviour of Cell B customers, the applicant refers to incidents where he witnessed non-compliance with the conditions of the premises' licence.

- Customers permitted to leave the premises with alcoholic drinks
- Customers who were obviously inebriated granted access to the premises
- Permitting customers to consume alcohol so that they are sufficiently inebriated to cause harm to themselves and others.

The applicant is seeking for the premises licence to be reviewed in relation to the following recommendations -

1. To revoke the right for the sale of alcohol from the licence
2. To consider the application for an order that a new Designated Premises Supervisor (DPS) is appointed in relation to the licence
3. To reduce the permitted opening hours for the premises to 21.00 (see current hours in the table below).

	CURRENT LICENCE		PROPOSED LICENCE	
Days	Licensable Activities	Closing Hours	Licensable Activities	Closing Hours
Mon/Sun	12:00 – 23:30	00:00		21:00

CONSULTATION

The application was consulted upon and 10 responses were received as follows -

RESPONSES	OBSERVATIONS
Local Members	One e-mail – objecting to the review
Community Council	No observations
Police	E-mail – observations
Neighbouring Residents	Seven letters, 10 e-mails – object
Fire Service	No observations
Gwynedd Council Planning Service	No observations
Public Protection Unit – Environmental Health	No observations

See enclosed, full details of the observations received.

SUMMARY OF THE OBSERVATIONS AND THE GROUNDS FOR OBJECTIONS TO THE REVIEW

Residents

Object to the application for a review because there is no evidence that the activities in the premises and management of the premises undermines the following licensing objectives -

- Crime and disorder prevention
- Public safety
- Prevention of public nuisance

Reference is made to the contribution of the activities at the premises to local culture and prosperity of businesses. These considerations are not relevant to the objectives of the Licensing Act 2003.

Members of the Council

Object to the application for a review on the grounds of the cultural contribution of the premises' activities; no reference is made to evidence from the perspective of the licensing objectives.

Police

Confirmation was received from the Police that calls had been received from Mr Rogers. Confirmation was also received that the Police had given a penalty notice to two females following an incident of anti-social behaviour. The Police have not received any other calls from residents of Park Square regarding Cell B.

RECOMMENDATION

The Sub-committee is requested to consider the application in accordance with the Licensing Act 2003.