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Meeting

CENTRAL LICENSING SUB COMMITTEE

Date and Time

11.15 am, FRIDAY, 7TH FEBRUARY, 2025

Location

Virtual Meeting

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CENTRAL LICENSING SUB COMMITTEE

MEMBERSHIP (3)

Councillors

Gwynfor Owen

Huw Rowlands

Elfed Williams (Chair)

Edgar Wyn Owen (Substitute)

Local Member

Councillor John Brynmor Hughes

A G E N D A

1. APOLOGIES

To receive any apologies for absence.

2. DECLARATION OF PERSONAL INTEREST

To receive any declaration of personal interest.

3. URGENT ITEMS

To note any items that are a matter of urgency in the view of the Chairman for consideration.

4. APPLICATION TO VARY A PREMISES LICENCE

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St Tudwals Inn, Abersoch

To consider the application

PROCEDURES FOR LICENSING VARIATION HEARINGS

1. A written report will be presented by the Licensing Section (with recommendation).
2. Members of the Sub-committee may ask questions of the Council's representative.
3. At the Chairman's discretion the applicant and/or his representative may ask questions of the Council's representative.
4. The applicant and/or his representative may expand upon the application and call witnesses
5. Members of the Sub-committee may ask questions of the applicant and/or his representative
6. There will be an invitation for each consultee to support any written observations
7. Members of the Sub-committee may ask questions of the consultees.
8. At the Chairman's discretion the Council's representative and the applicant or his representative may summarise their case.

All are reminded of the four principles of the Licensing Act 2003 to be considered in all deliberations, namely:

- 1) Crime and Disorder Prevention;**
- 2) Public Safety;**
- 3) Public Nuisance Prevention; and**
- 4) Protection of Children from Harm.**

Agenda Item 4

COMMITTEE:	CENTRAL LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE
DATE:	7 FEBRUARY 2025
TITLE:	APPLICATION TO VARY A PREMISES LICENCE – ST TUDWALS HOTEL, HIGH STREET, ABERSOCH, LL53 7DS
PURPOSE:	FOR DECISION
AUTHOR:	HEAD OF ENVIRONMENT DEPARTMENT

1. APPLICATION RECEIVED

- 1.1 The attached is an application to vary a premises licence for the premises at St Tudwals, Abersoch, LL53 7DS. The property in the centre of Abersoch is a public house and hotel offering foods and drinks to its customers. This variation was submitted due to internal and external renovations to the premises, and to take advantage of the opportunity to review the contents of the licence.
- 1.2 The applicant seeks to vary the property licence to: Add changes to the interior and exterior of the property to the licence. It is also a request to add the licensable activity of showing films.
- 1.3 Licensing Authority officers are satisfied that there is sufficient evidence that the application has been submitted in accordance with the requirements of the Licensing Act 2003 and the relevant regulations, and is therefore valid.
- 1.4 Observations were received on the application and, therefore, it has been referred to a hearing of this Sub-committee for a decision.

See the attached table for details of the proposed hours:

Current Premises Licence	Proposed Licence
Opening Hours	
Sunday: 09:00 - 01:00	Sunday: 09:00 - 01:00
Monday: 09:00 – 01:00	Monday: 09:00 – 01:00
Tuesday: 09:00 – 01:00	Tuesday: 09:00 – 01:00
Wednesday: 09:00 – 01:00	Wednesday: 09:00 – 01:00
Thursday: 09:00 – 01:00	Thursday: 09:00 – 01:00
Friday: 09:00 – 01:30	Friday: 09:00 – 01:30
Saturday: 09:00 – 01:30	Saturday: 09:00 – 01:30

Licensable Activities	
Supply of Alcohol: Both on and off the Premises	Supply of Alcohol: Both on and off the Premises
Sunday: 10:00 - 00:00	Sunday: 10:00 - 00:00
Monday: 10:00 – 00:00	Monday: 10:00 – 00:00
Tuesday: 10:00 – 00:00	Tuesday: 10:00 – 00:00
Wednesday: 10:00 – 00:00	Wednesday: 10:00 – 00:00
Thursday: 10:00 – 00:00	Thursday: 10:00 – 00:00
Friday: 10:00 – 01:00	Friday: 10:00 – 01:00
Saturday: 10:00 – 01:00	Saturday: 10:00 – 01:00

	<p>Non-standard timings: Allow sales to residents 24 hours a day To allow sales from 10:00 on 31 December until 00:00 on 1 January</p>
<p>Recorded Music: Indoors Sunday: 11:00 – 00:00 Monday: 11:00 – 00:00 Tuesday: 11:00 – 00:00 Wednesday: 11:00 – 00:00 Thursday: 11:00 – 00:00 Friday: 11:00 – 00:00 Saturday: 11:00 – 00:00</p>	<p>Recorded Music: Indoors Sunday: 11:00 – 00:00 Monday: 11:00 – 00:00 Tuesday: 11:00 – 00:00 Wednesday: 11:00 – 00:00 Thursday: 11:00 – 00:00 Friday: 11:00 – 00:00 Saturday: 11:00 – 00:00</p>
<p>Late Night Refreshments: Indoors Sunday: 23:00 - 00:00 Monday: 23:00 - 00:00 Tuesday: 23:00 - 00:00 Wednesday: 23:00 - 00:00 Thursday: 23:00 - 00:00 Friday: 23:00 - 00:00 Saturday: 23:00 - 00:00</p>	<p>Late Night Refreshments: Indoors Sunday: 23:00 - 00:00 Monday: 23:00 - 00:00 Tuesday: 23:00 - 00:00 Wednesday: 23:00 - 00:00 Thursday: 23:00 - 00:00 Friday: 23:00 - 00:00 Saturday: 23:00 - 00:00</p>
<p>Live Music: Indoors Sunday: 11:00 – 00:00 Monday: 11:00 – 00:00 Tuesday: 11:00 – 00:00 Wednesday: 11:00 – 00:00 Thursday: 11:00 – 00:00 Friday: 11:00 – 00:00 Saturday: 11:00 – 00:00</p>	<p>Live Music: Indoors Sunday: 11:00 – 00:00 Monday: 11:00 – 00:00 Tuesday: 11:00 – 00:00 Wednesday: 11:00 – 00:00 Thursday: 11:00 – 00:00 Friday: 11:00 – 00:00 Saturday: 11:00 – 00:00</p>
<p>Films: Indoors</p>	<p>Films: Indoors Sunday: 11:00 – 00:00 Monday: 11:00 – 00:00 Tuesday: 11:00 – 00:00 Wednesday: 11:00 – 00:00 Thursday: 11:00 – 00:00 Friday: 11:00 – 00:00 Saturday: 11:00 – 00:00</p>

2. Measures recommended by the applicant to promote the licensing objectives

The measures recommended by the applicant in the application's operating schedule in accordance with the original licence include the following -

- A sign placed at the exits asking customers to leave the property respectfully and quietly giving consideration to their neighbours.
- When live controlled entertainment is held after 22:00 the doors and windows are kept closed.

- A Challenge 25 policy in place.
- Any customer carrying opened or sealed bottles will not be allowed access to the premises at any time when the premises is open to the public.

Full details of the recommended measures can be found in section M of the application in the appendix, which includes the original licence.

3. CONSULTATION

A consultation on the application was undertaken and the following responses were received -

RESPONSES	OBSERVATIONS
North Wales Police	Comments
Fire Service	No objection
Food Team, Public Protection	No objection
Pollution Control, Public Protection	Comments

Police Comments

- 3.1 There is no objection to the change in site layout or the addition of films to the licensable activities.
- 3.2 We accept the condition to allow children under the age of 16 to access and remain on the site after 22:00 o'clock when they are staying or eating at the hotel.
- 3.3 Under the licensing objective, "Protection of Children From Harm", we have concerns regarding allowing children under the age of 16 to enter the site or remain there after 22:00 on Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve (when they are not hotel residents). I would suggest that a busy bar on the busiest night of the year may not be a suitable place for young children.
- 3.4 We suggest that the applicant assesses the indoor and outdoor CCTV coverage when considering the change to the site layout.

4 Observations from Pollution Control, Public Protection

4.1 Proposed Scheme/Licensed Area

It is noted that the application proposes changes to the scheme and we make the following comments in relation to your proposed response, clarification or management to deliver the licensing objectives:

There is an explanation that the external bar area will be moved to the bin storage but this is not included in the existing plan provided and does not correspond to the original plan.

The area used as a car park is labelled as a beer garden, I am not aware of the planning status of this area but the application designates this as an area to be licensed, please explain how this area should be used for the licensing purposes as it significantly increases the outdoor area. In Part J of your application it is noted that this area will continue in use as a car park. This area, if licensed, would also benefit from the ability to hold live and recorded music under the provisions of the Live Music Act until 23:00

- 4.3 Conditions currently on the licence only relate to closing doors and windows during entertainment after 22:00pm, and do not provide sufficient control over noise generation and

noise propagation in the external environment for the proposed use in the variation. The site has previously been the subject of noise complaints, particularly during temporary events.

4.4 Public Nuisance: Noise

Complaints regarding noise were raised and discussed with previous occupants of the Site. As the site is currently closed, there are no ongoing complaints/investigations. Complaints were previously received in relation to noise from events, loud music and voices. There are houses in close proximity, and during the milder summer nights are likely to be affected. Other residential properties in the surrounding area are likely to suffer noise nuisance as they are clearly different in character from the commercial hotel in their vicinity. Traffic noise or similar background noise is scarce, the area marked as a 'beer garden' is within metres of a residential property and no consideration is given to this matter within the application.

4.5 The variation increases the area, nature and potential capacity of the business, and consideration should be given in the application to the potential noise generated from disposing of waste/bottles late at night.

In accordance with the Licensing Act 2003, and having considered the observations received, it is recommended that the Committee APPROVE the application provided the applicant agrees to the compromise suggested by the Public Protection Department officer and the Police.