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Meeting

CENTRAL LICENSING SUB COMMITTEE

Date and Time

10.00 am, WEDNESDAY, 16TH JULY, 2025

Location

Virtual Meeting

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CENTRAL LICENSING SUB COMMITTEE

MEMBERSHIP (3)

Councillors

Edgar Wyn Owen

Gwynfor Owen (Chair)

Angela Russell

Huw Rowlands (Substitute)

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 FOR A PREMISES LICENSE

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To consider the application

PROCEDURE IN LICENSING HEARINGS.

1. A written report will be presented by the Licensing Section
(with a recommendation).
2. Members of the Sub-committee may ask questions of the Council's representative.
3. At the Chairman's discretion the applicant 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. At the Chairman's discretion, the Council's representative may ask questions of the applicant or his representative
7. There will be an invitation for each Consultee to support any written observations
8. At the chairman's discretion, the Council's representative, and the applicant or his representative may summarise their case.
9. The Council's Legal Officer to summarise the requirements of the application

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**

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| COMMITTEE: | CENTRAL LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE |
| DATE: | 16 JULY 2025 |
| TITLE: | APPLICATION FOR PREMISES LICENCE - ABERDYFI ICE CREAM LTD, TRADING AS OTTO'S ABERDYFI |
| PURPOSE: | FOR DECISION |
| AUTHOR: | HEAD OF ENVIRONMENT |

1. APPLICATION RECEIVED

- 1.1 An application is appended for a premises licence for Otto's Aberdyfi, Unit 2, Information Centre, The Wharf, Seaview Terrace, Aberdyfi, Gwynedd, LL35 0ED. The premises is a small café located in the gardens of the Aberdyfi wharf. The premises has a designated outside seating area with tables and chairs, and the area is rented by Aberdyfi Harbour and Cyngor Gwynedd. The seating area is on the Foryd side of the building facing the sea and is part of the Harbour Quay. It is located away from the road and residences. It is intended to sell pizzas, sandwiches etc. from the premises to eat on the premises in the outside area, or off the premises as takeaway. It is also intended to sell alcohol to drink on the premises daily or sell it with takeaway meals in sealed containers. The opening times will vary seasonally.
- 1.2 The applicant is seeking a premises licence for the: Sale of alcohol (on and off the premises) from 11:00 - 22:00, from Monday to Sunday.
- 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:

| Trwydded Arfaethedig/Proposed Licence |
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| <p>Cyflenwi Alcohol/Supply of Alcohol: Ar yr Eiddo: On the Premises</p> <p>Dydd Sul/Sunday: 11:00 - 22:00 Dydd Llun/Monday: 11:00 – 22:00 Dydd Mawrth/Tuesday: 11:00 – 22:00 Dydd Mercher/Wednesday: 11:00 – 22:00 Dydd Iau/Thursday: 11:00 – 22:00 Dydd Gwener/Friday: 11:00 – 22:00 Dydd Sadwrn/Saturday: 11:00 – 22:00</p> |

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

The measures recommended by the applicant in the application's operating schedule include the following -

- Alcohol will be sold in the café to accompany the purchase of pizzas, and staff will be given robust training on the Challenge 25 age verification policy and the processes of selling alcohol responsibly.
- In accordance with the successful plan used by other organisations selling alcohol in Aberdyfi, reusable plastic cups will be used where money will be paid back after the cup is returned. This will help to reduce any rubbish or environmental impact, as well as remove the risk of injury from glass and damage.
- CCTV will be installed to prevent and record criminal behaviour.
- Retain an incident register to record any refusals or disruption.

Full details of the recommended measures can be found in section M of the application seen in the appendix.

3. CONSULTATION

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

| RESPONSES | OBSERVATIONS |
|--|------------------------------------|
| North Wales Police | No objection |
| Fire Service | No objection |
| Food Team, Public Protection | No objection |
| Pollution Service, Public Protection | No objection |
| Planning Service | No objection |
| Members of the public | Objections |
| Bryn Pritchard-Jones, Maritime Service | Concerns regarding the application |

4 Public Observations

4.1 Four objections were received by members of the public - with observations mainly relating to the licensing objectives of

- Public Safety
- Public Nuisance

4.2 The main concern, from a safety perspective, is that the application to sell alcohol, if approved, could affect child safety. Concerns are noted that selling alcohol near the Port could lead to accidents, especially right next to where families with young children enjoy crabbing.

4.3 Combining the sale of alcohol with selling food to eat away from the premises increases the possibility, especially during the summer months, where the Wharf Gardens will be used to eat the food whilst drinking any alcohol purchased at the same time. This, in turn, increases the possibility of antisocial behaviour difficulties, including unfair and inappropriate noise, odours, waste (including glass).

4.4 The restaurant is located in a very busy place on the harbour in Aberdyfi. By now, there are five fishing boats in operation (an increase this year) and the place is very busy with vehicles launching and loading. The Moor is managed well by the Harbour Manager who has two Participants this year and they are all busy mainly with safety matters.

5 Observations from the Cyngor Gwynedd Maritime service

5.1 Observations state concerns that the applicant has not received permission from the Aberdyfi Harbour Consultative Committee before submitting an application to sell alcohol.

In accordance with the Licensing Act 2003, it is recommended that the Committee considers the respondents' comments, and the applicant's response to the concerns – and grant the application.

- **The hours requested are reasonable and comply with similar nearby businesses. Selling alcohol is not the main purpose of the business; the intention is that selling alcohol accompanies and complements the sale of food from the premises. The premises is not close to houses, and the seating area faces the sea, making the risk of noise disruption low.**