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Meeting

CENTRAL LICENSING SUB COMMITTEE

Date and Time

10.00 am, TUESDAY, 18TH NOVEMBER, 2025

Location

Virtual Meeting

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CENTRAL LICENSING SUB COMMITTEE

MEMBERSHIP (3)

Councillors

Gwynfor Owen (Chair)

Arwyn Herald Roberts

Elfed Williams

Meryl Roberts (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. PREMISES LICENSE APPLICATION

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REUBENS COFFEE HOUSE, 31 STRYD FAWR, CAERNARFON LL55 1RH

To consider the application

5. PREMISES LICENSE APPLICATION

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CLYNNOG PETROL STATION AND SHOP, ANNWYLFA GARAGE, CLYNNOG FAWR, CAERNARFON, GWYNEDD LL54 5PF

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:**

COMMITTEE:	CENTRAL LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE
DATE:	
TITLE:	APPLICATION FOR PREMISES LICENCE – Reubens Coffee House 31 High Street, Caernarfon, Gwynedd, LL55 1RH.
PURPOSE:	FOR DECISION
AUTHOR:	HEAD OF ENVIRONMENT

1 APPLICATION RECEIVED

- 1.1 An application for a premises licence has been received from Reubens Coffee House located at 31 High Street, Caernarfon, Gwynedd, LL55 1RH. The application was submitted to the Licensing Authority and applies for the operation of the premises under the Licensing Act 2003.
- 1.2 The premises is described as a coffee shop intending to operate primarily as such, with the additional provision of alcohol sales. The applicant proposes that alcohol will be available for consumption both on and off the premises.
- 1.3 The officers of the Licensing Authority 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.

See the table below for details of the proposed hours of licensable activities:

Opening Hours:

Sunday:	08:00	-	00:30
Monday:	08:00	-	00:30
Tuesday:	08:00	-	00:30
Wednesday:	08:00	-	00:30
Thursday:	08:00	-	00:30
Friday:	08:00	-	00:30
Saturday:	08:00	-	00:30

Licensable Activities:

Sale of Alcohol: On and off the premises:

Sunday:	08:00	-	00:00
Monday:	08:00	-	00:00
Tuesday:	08:00	-	00:00
Wednesday:	08:00	-	00:00
Thursday:	08:00	-	00:00
Friday:	08:00	-	00:00
Saturday:	08:00	-	00:00

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

- The premises will operate to a high standard and will do so should this licence be granted in terms of the sale of alcohol. All staff will be fully trained in their responsibilities with regard to the sale of alcohol.
- The premises shall install and maintain a comprehensive CCTV system. All entry and exit points must be covered enabling frontal identification of every person entering in a light condition.
- An in- house accident book will be in operation to record any accident/ injury occurring on the premises

- Patrons attending the premises will be reminded of their responsibilities to leave the premises quietly.
- The premises shall operate a Challenge 25 Policy. Such policy shall be written down and kept at the premises.

See Part M of application for full measures proposed by the applicant to promote the Licensing Objectives.

3. CONSULTATION

The application was consulted upon and the following responses were received -

RESPONSES	REPRESENTATIONS
Environmental Health	Objection
Cynllunio	Comments

3.1 Objection from Environmental Health

- 3.2** Environmental Health has objected to the application due to concerns regarding public nuisance. Although the site was originally granted planning permission as a coffee house, not a bar, the current application seeks to extend opening hours until midnight for the sale of alcohol. This raises significant concerns, as the premises may then legally host live and recorded amplified music, potentially causing noise disturbances to nearby residential properties. The Service highlighted that no noise assessment was provided to demonstrate the building's ability to contain noise, particularly given its glazing and proximity to sensitive receptors. Without adequate noise mitigation measures, Environmental Health is unable to support the application, emphasizing that the licensing objective of preventing public nuisance may not be met under the proposed hours.

A full copy of the Environmental Health's objection can be found attached.

3.3 Comments from Planning

Planning have responded, confirming that the application submitted currently contravenes the existing planning permission. However, they have also noted that the applicant has submitted a new application which is presently under consideration. A decision on this new application has not yet been made.

4.0 RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the application be **approved**, subject to the following conditions:

- The applicant must ensure **full compliance with planning permission**, and the licence should only come into effect once planning matters are resolved, and
- Hours of operation and licensable activities must be in accordance with the permitted hours on the planning permission.
- A **noise impact assessment** should be provided to address Environmental Health concerns and ensure the prevention of public nuisance.

Agenda Item 5

COMMITTEE:	CENTRAL LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE
DATE:	18-11-2025
TITLE:	APPLICATION FOR A PREMISES LICENCE – CLYNNOG PETROL STATION AND SHOP, ANNWYLFA GARAGE, CLYNNOG FAWR, CAERNARFON, GWYNEDD LL54 5PF
PURPOSE:	FOR DECISION
AUTHOR:	HEAD OF ENVIRONMENT DEPARTMENT

1 APPLICATION RECEIVED

- 1.1 An application was received for a premises licence from Sterling Petroleum Ltd located in Clynog Fawr, Caernarfon, Gwynedd LL53 5PF. The application was submitted to the Licensing Authority and applies for the operation of the premises under the Premises Licence submitted under the Licensing Act 2003.
- 1.2 The premises are described as a coffee shop and are intended to operate as a convenience store with a petrol station, with the provision to sell alcohol off the premises.
- 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.

See the table below for details of the proposed hours of licensable activities:

Licensable Activities:

Previous Licence			New licence application		
Opening Hours			Opening Hours		
Sunday	10:00	- 22:30	Sunday	00:00	- 23:59
Monday	08:00	- 23:00	Monday	00:00	- 23:59
Tuesday	08:00	- 23:00	Tuesday	00:00	- 23:59
Wednesday	08:00	- 23:00	Wednesday	00:00	- 23:59
Thursday	08:00	- 23:00	Thursday	00:00	- 23:59
Friday	08:00	- 23:00	Friday	00:00	- 23:59
Saturday	08:00	- 23:00	Saturday	00:00	- 23:59
Sale of Alcohol			Sale of Alcohol		
Sunday	10:00	- 22:30	Sunday	00:00	- 23:59
Monday	08:00	- 23:00	Monday	00:00	- 23:59
Tuesday	08:00	- 23:00	Tuesday	00:00	- 23:59
Wednesday	08:00	- 23:00	Wednesday	00:00	- 23:59
Thursday	08:00	- 23:00	Thursday	00:00	- 23:59
Friday	08:00	- 23:00	Friday	00:00	- 23:59
Saturday	08:00	- 23:00	Saturday	00:00	- 23:59

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

- The site will be managed and managed by a responsible person at all times. The Designated Premises Supervisor will be on-site or can be contacted during operating hours.
- Any incidents of a criminal nature will be reported to the Police. Comprehensive internal and external CCTV will be installed, and the recordings will be kept for a minimum of 30 days. Also, these recordings will be made available to any responsible authorities.
- Fire safety equipment has been installed and will be maintained on the site. The emergency exit will be kept free of obstacles at all times. Staff will be fully trained in alcohol sales and safety procedures.
- Adequate bins will be available for customers to dispose of their rubbish.
- The premises will implement a Challenge 25 policy. A register of alcohol sale refusals will be kept and maintained on the premises.
- Spirits will be located behind the counter area. A till prompt will be used for all age-restricted products.
- Alcohol will be stored away from the entrance and the area will be under supervision.

See Part M of the application for the full list of measures proposed by the applicant to promote the Licensing Objectives.

3. CONSULTATION

Following a consultation on the application, the following responses were received -

RESPONSES	OBSERVATIONS SUBMITTED
Public Health, Betsi Cadwaladr Health Board	Comments

3.1 Objection from Public Health Wales

- 3.2** Public Health Wales notes that the availability of alcohol through extended opening hours significantly influence drinking levels, drinking patterns, and alcohol-related harm.
- 3.3** Reference is made to regional and national strategies in relation to alcohol-related harm and availability. In particular, reference is made to the fact that more people in Gwynedd than the national average drink more than the recommended number of units of alcohol in a week. It is also noted that hospital admissions in Gwynedd due to conditions associated with harmful alcohol consumption have increased.
- 3.4** Furthermore, it is noted that the Llanllyfni and Clynog ward is considered to be a deprived area; and it is shown that people in deprived areas are more likely to experience hospital admissions for alcohol-related reasons or die from alcohol-related conditions.
- 3.5** Reference is made to the fact that managing alcohol availability is key to prevent alcohol-related problems in the community and to reduce alcohol-related harm. It is also noted that drink driving is still a problem, and is likely to be more of a problem in the countryside than is reflected in the official figures, due to several factors including the

lack of access to services (for example, public transport). A full copy of Public Health's comments is attached.

- 3.6** In relation to the Licensing objective of safeguarding children from harm, it is noted that increasing alcohol availability increases associated problems in relation to alcohol harm. It can cause harm to children in families where parents, adults or guardians misuse alcohol.
- 3.7** In terms of the Licensing objective of preventing public nuisance - it is noted that Clynnog Fawr is a small, rural village and that the garage and shop is located in a residential area. It is noted that a 24-hour licence, 7 days a week would have a negative impact on the area, with more cars likely to drive to the location late at night as no other shop or garage is open as late in the surrounding areas.
- 3.8** Public Health Wales requests that the Committee considers limiting the hours of sale of alcohol and includes the following on the operating schedule if the members decide to grant the application :-
- **No drink driving warnings to be displayed on the premises**
 - **Train staff on implementing the Challenge 25 scheme**
 - **Training on refusing sales to those under the influence of alcohol**
 - **Signs on the premises noting that alcohol will not be sold to those under the influence**

4. The applicant's response to Public Health concerns

- 4.10** The applicant has considered Public Health concerns and has stated a willingness in principle to reduce the hours of sale of alcohol to 06:00 to 22:00, Monday to Sunday. As the application is referred for a decision by the Committee, the applicant is eager for committee members to consider the application and the need to reduce hours in response to the concerns raised.

4.0 RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Committee considers the responses and approves the application in accordance with the operating hours' compromise that the applicant has agreed to in response to Public Health Wales comments, and in accordance with the requirements of the Licensing Act 2003.