
CENTRAL LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE 12.05.15

Present: Cllr Tudor Owen, Cllr Ann Williams, Cllr Angela Russell

Also in attendance: Geraint B Edwards (Solicitor), Sheryl Le Bon Jones (Public Protection Manager) and Lowri H Evans (Member Support and Scrutiny Officer)

1. WELCOME

Everyone was welcomed to the meeting by the Chairman, Cllr Tudor Owen. The panel and the officers were introduced to everyone present.

2. DECLARATION OF PERSONAL INTEREST

Nothing to note

3. URGENT ITEMS

Nothing to note

4. APPLICATION TO VARY A PREMISES LICENCE – KWIK SAVE, 346 – 350, HIGH STREET, BANGOR, GWYNEDD

On behalf of the premises: Mr Mangal Shoker (Applicant)

Local Member: Not present

Others in attendance: Ian Williams (North Wales Police)

Apologies: None to note

The report and recommendation of the Licensing Section.

- a) Submitted – the report of the Licensing Manager giving details of the application to vary a premises licence for Kwik Save, 346- 350, High Street, Bangor. It was highlighted that the current licence granted the sale of alcohol to be consumed off the premises between 08:00 and 22:00, seven days a week and that the premises was open on a 24 hours a day, seven days a week basis. It was noted that the purpose of the application was to vary the current premises licence by extending the hours for the supply of alcohol to be consumed off the premises between 08.00 and 02.00, seven days a week. Reference was also made to the fact that the applicant had included appropriate steps to promote the four licensing objectives as part of his application.
- b) Following a period of consultation, it was noted that Bangor City Council did not object to the application provided the opening hours for selling alcohol was in accordance with other retail stores in the vicinity. North Wales Police objected to the application as it was of the opinion that approving the application would lead to an increase in crime and disorder in this particular area of Bangor. The Police had made recommendations for the applicant to consider amending the hours for the sale of alcohol during the week and to amend the CCTV condition.
- c) In considering the application, the following procedure was followed:-
 - Members of the Sub-committee and the applicant were given an opportunity to ask questions of the Licensing Manager.

- The applicant was invited to expand on the application.
- Consultees were given an opportunity to support their observations.
- The licensee, or his representative, was invited to respond to the observations.
- Members of the Sub-committee were given an opportunity to ask questions of the licensee.
- Members of the Sub-committee were given an opportunity to ask questions of the consultees.

It was announced that everybody had up to 10 minutes to share their observations.

- ch) In response to the report a member of the Sub-committee asked the Licensing Manager how many shops sold alcohol until two o'clock in the morning in Bangor. It was noted that there were three premises selling alcohol until 02:00am – Tesco, a premises in Upper Bangor and a premises at the opposite end of the High Street.
- d) In expanding on the application, the applicant noted that he was willing to accept the Police's conditions and to amend the hours of the sale of alcohol and the conditions relating to CCTV. He said that the shop doors closed at 22:00pm and it was intended for alcohol to be sold through a window / hatch in the shop which they currently used for goods.
- (dd) In response to the application, the North Wales Police representative noted that they had expressed concerns in relation to the original application as the premises was located within a very busy part of the city. It was noted that discussions had been held with the Manager of the premises, the Local Inspector and the Local Sergeant to set appropriate conditions. Their concern, as access to Nightclubs was not permitted after 01:00am, was that alcohol would be available at the Kwik Save premises. North Wales Police proposed that the applicant should receive permission to sell alcohol until 02:00am on Sundays, Mondays and Tuesdays, and until 00:00am on Wednesdays, Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays along with additional conditions in relation to the CCTV.
- e) In response to a question from a member of the Sub-committee in relation to the need to open until 02:00am, the applicant noted that he was responding to the demand.
- f) In response to a question from a member of the Sub-committee in relation to complaints about the property, the Police representative noted that no complaints had been registered relating directly to the premises. Nonetheless, he added that there were difficulties in this specific area, especially towards the end of the week due to an increase in people because of the two nearby nightclubs and late night hot food takeaway premises.
- ff) It was highlighted that the Local Member had not submitted observations.
- g) A letter that was received from Bangor City Council was acknowledged.
- h) The relevant parties left the meeting.

The members of the Sub-committee discussed the application, considered all the evidence submitted, and gave particular attention to the principles of the Licensing Act 2003, namely -

- Prevention of Crime and Disorder
- Public Safety
- Preventing Public Nuisance
- Protection of Children from Harm

The Sub-committee was of the opinion that the application to vary the licence should be approved. Based on the evidence that was considered and the changes agreed between the applicant and the Police, the Sub-committee was satisfied that the variation to the licence is appropriate in order

to promote the licensing objectives.

RESOLVED TO APPROVE VARYING THE PREMISES LICENCE, SUBJECT TO THE FOLLOWING BEING INCORPORATED IN THE LICENCE:

1. Approve the sale of alcohol to be consumed off the premises

**Sunday, Monday and Tuesday 8:00am until 02:00am
Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday 8:00 until midnight.**

- 2. That the CCTV conditions recommended in writing by the Police should be incorporated in the licence**
- 3. That the conditions recommended by the applicant in boxes C, D and E of the operating schedule enclosed with the application be incorporated in the licence**

The Solicitor reported that the Licensing Unit would confirm the decision in a formal letter sent to all who were present at the meeting and that the variation would apply with immediate effect. He also notified that they had the right to appeal the decision within 21 days of receiving the letter.

The meeting commenced at 2.00pm and concluded at 2.50pm.