
CENTRAL LICENSING SUB COMMITTEE 9/10/15

Present:

Councillors: Cllr Eryl Jones-Williams, Cllr Tudor Owen, Cllr Annwen Hughes

Also in attendance: Geraint Brython Edwards (Solicitor), Heilyn Williams (Licensing Officer) and Lowri H Evans (Member Support and Scrutiny Officer).

1. WELCOME

Everyone was welcomed to the meeting by the Chairman, Councillor Eryl Jones-Williams. The panel and the officers were introduced to everyone present. It was announced that everybody had up to 10 minutes to share their observations.

2. DECLARATION OF PERSONAL INTEREST

None to note

3. URGENT ITEMS

None to note

4. APPLICATION FOR A PREMISES LICENCE

APPLICATION TO VARY A PREMISES LICENCE – THE VICTORIA-N-SLIPWAY, MARINE PARADE, TYWYN

On behalf of the premises: Mr Mark Greaves (applicant), Ms Karen L Darby (agent)

Local Member: Cllr Mike Stevens

Others in attendance: Mr Robert Wynne (Local Resident)

Apologies: R Price, S Pickering and Mr Oliver (Local Residents), Sheryl Le Bon Jones (Licensing Manager), Mr J Hughes (Fire Service), Mr Ian Williams (North Wales Police), Councillor Anne Lloyd Jones (Local Member) and Cllr Angela Russell.

The report and recommendation of the Licensing Section.

- a) Submitted – the report of the Licensing Manager giving details of the application of Mr Mark Andrew Greaves on behalf of the Victoria-N-Slipway Pub company for a new premises licence for The Victoria-N-Slipway, Marine Parade, Tywyn. It was an application for a new premises which would include a dining area across two floors for 150 people with an external balcony and

beer garden at the side. Details of the current hours and the proposed hours had been noted in the report.

It was noted that the applicant had included appropriate steps to promote the four licensing objectives as part of the application.

Following a consultation period, it was noted that North Wales Police did not object to the application, but proposed that CCTV should be installed on the premises subject to specific CCTV conditions. Seven objections to the application had been received from local residents based on the licensing objectives of Preventing Crime and Disorder and Preventing Public Nuisance. Their concerns involved late opening hours, the premises' proximity to residents' homes, which would be likely to cause public nuisance and a lack of parking facilities.

- b) 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 submit 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.
- c) In elaborating on the application, the agent on behalf of the applicant noted that he was happy with what had been submitted and confirmed that, following discussions with North Wales Police, he had agreed to CCTV conditions. Additional observations of the applicant's intention;
- Maintain a good local reputation with high quality service.
 - There would be no disturbance to local residents. The building had been designed with residents in mind. There was no intention to cause concern for local residents, but rather to collaborate.
 - The plans had not been adapted - the proposal is a restaurant and not a nightclub.
 - Materials to prevent/reduce noise would be used.
 - Flexibility with opening times depending on events and on the business. The hours corresponded with the opening hours of nearby public houses.
 - The premises was in a location which was popular with tourists. It would also provide a service which responded to local demand and created local jobs.
 - The area would be likely to be policed frequently due to an increase in activity.
 - There was no lack of parking spaces in Tywyn - plenty of spaces on the beach.
 - Individuals under the influence of alcohol would not have access after 11pm.
 - Staff would receive appropriate training on how to deal with behaviour.
 - Tywyn needed to be an area which prospered and succeeded.
 - It would be ensured that the four licensing objectives would be

prioritised.

In response to the observation involving policing, the applicant noted that although he had suggested more policing, this had not yet been confirmed. However, he expressed that discussions had been held with Mr Ian Williams (Licensing Co-ordinator, North Wales Police) and that he was happy with the premises' security situation. He expanded by noting that he had agreed to the CCTV conditions and that there would be door supervisors present during events. In response to a question regarding when the business would open - the applicant noted, 'as soon as possible'.

- d) In response to the application, a Local Resident (who objected to the application) noted the following observations:
- He did not dispute the development - it was nice to see a striking building in the town being developed
 - He and four of his tenants had concerns regarding noise carrying during the night.
 - Object to the licence on the grounds of late hours only. Propose that the licensed hours should be reduced from 2:00am to 12:00am. 2:00am seemed too late.
- dd) The objector was reminded of his right to request a review should matters involving noise occur.
- e) The Local Member was permitted to submit observations although he had not submitted written observations.

In response to the application, a Local Member (who supported the application) noted the following observations:

- He was not aware that the Town Council had discussed the matter
 - Many people favoured the application and were generally supportive of it Tywyn needed to develop to become a prosperous town
 - The development was a clear step which would offer beneficial service to the town and would certainly encourage local people to stay in the area
 - This would be a valuable business for the town and would respond to the demand
 - Noise problems would be likely to be dealt with through appropriate legislation
 - He was not aware of the objections - nobody had contacted him directly.
- f) The other six letters that had been received were acknowledged.
- The relevant parties left the meeting.
- ff) 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 -
- Crime and Disorder
 - Public Safety
 - Preventing Public Nuisance
 - Protection of Children from Harm

The Sub-committee was willing to approve the licence in line with the application and the four licensing objectives. There were no grounds to the evidence of complaints that granting the licence would lead to disorder and nuisance, and it was suggested that noise complaints for the future would be passed on to the appropriate service. The applicant was wished well with the new initiative.

RESOLVED to approve the application for a premises licence in accordance with the objectives of the Licensing Act 2003 together with ensuring that CCTV is installed within the premises in line with specific CCTV conditions.

The Solicitor reported that the decision would be confirmed formally by letter sent to everyone present. He also notified that they had the right to appeal the decision within 21 days of receiving the letter.

The meeting commenced at 10:45am and concluded at 11:45am.

CHAIRMAN