

COMMITTEE:	CENTRAL LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE
DATE:	11 November 2024
TITLE:	APPLICATION FOR PREMISES LICENCE – BALA RUGBY CLUB, MAES Y GWYNIAD, HEOL TEGID, BALA LL23 7DZ
PURPOSE:	FOR DECISION
AUTHOR:	HEAD OF ENVIRONMENT

1. APPLICATION RECEIVED

- 1.1 A premises licence application is attached for Bala Rugby Club, Maes y Gwyniad, Heol Tegid, Bala LL23 7DZ which has been submitted by the club. The Club building comprises of changing rooms, a kitchen and a general room and is located on the outskirts of the town of Bala. The proposal is for the sale of alcohol during games throughout the rugby season between September and May with it being used mainly over the weekend.
- 1.2 The applicant is seeking a premises licence to: Sell alcohol (on the premises) from 09:00 – 23:00, Monday to Sunday.
- 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.
- 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:

Proposed Licence
<p>Supply of Alcohol: On the Premises Sunday: 09:00 - 23:00 Monday: 09:00 – 23:00 Tuesday: 09:00 – 23:00 Wednesday: 09:00 – 23:00 Thursday: 09:00 – 23:00 Friday: 09:00 – 23:00 Saturday: 09:00 – 23:00</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 -

- Promote responsible alcohol consumption and that customers respectfully leave the premises.
- Deal immediately with any unsociable behaviour.
- A Challenge 25 policy in place
- Zero tolerance for drug use.
- Zero tolerance for threatening and criminal behaviour.

- Risk assessments regularly completed and reviewed including fire risk.
- Keep doors and windows closed when possible to reduce noise.

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

3. CONSULTATION

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

RESPONSES	OBSERVATIONS
North Wales Police	No objections – Comments
Fire Service	No objection
Food Team, Public Protection	No objection
Pollution Control, Public Protection	No objection
Planning Service	No objection
Councillor Dilwyn Morgan	No objection
Members of the public	14 objections
Bala Town Council	Support with conditions

Bala Town Council comments

- 3.1 We discussed the application for a premises licence for the Rugby Club at a meeting of the Town Council. Some were concerned about the impact of the development on residents of Glannau Tegid and Trem y Ffridd, which are located close to the Rugby Club.
- 3.2 The Town Council's final decision was to support the application subject to the modification of the permitted hours, and the council's recommendation was that the hours should be limited to 1pm – 9pm.

4 Public Observations

- 4.1 There is great concern that allowing the club to sell alcohol will create anti-social behaviour in the area.
- 4.2 Concerns about disruption due to vehicles coming and going around the clock and customers coming and going from the club.
- 4.3 Parking problems already exist when activities are held at the club. Concerned that this problem will increase if people stay there later.
- 4.4 The club is located close to Llyn Tegid and the proposed railway line, which raises concerns for public safety if people walk home intoxicated.
- 4.5 Concerns that there will be an increase in cases of property vandalism adjacent to the club.

5 Police Observations

5.1 This site has operated the sale of alcohol using a Temporary Events Notice on several occasions without cause for concern.

5.2 There is no incident of Crime and Disorder associated with this site therefore on behalf of North Wales Police I am pleased to say that we do not have any objection.

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

• No complaints have been received from the Licensing Authority or the Public Protection Unit following several permitted events using Temporary Events Notices.