

COMMITTEE:	CENTRAL LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE
DATE:	1/12/25
TITLE:	APPLICATION FOR A PREMISES LICENCE – ROBERT’S NEWSAGENTS 63 HIGH STREET, PORTHMADOG, LL49 9LR
PURPOSE:	FOR DECISION
AUTHOR:	HEAD OF ENVIRONMENT DEPARTMENT

1 APPLICATION RECEIVED

- 1.1 An application was received for a premises licence from Robert Christy Mariyampillai for Roberts’s Newsagents known locally as Pikes located in Porthmadog, Gwynedd LL49 9LR. 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 long-established newsagent and general store and will continue with the current operations to include the provision of selling 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:

Opening Hours		
Sunday	06:00	- 00:00
Monday	06:00	- 00:00
Tuesday	06:00	- 00:00
Wednesday	06:00	- 00:00
Thursday	06:00	- 00:00
Friday	06:00	- 00:00
Saturday	06:00	- 00:00
Sale of Alcohol		
Sunday	06:00	- 00:00
Monday	06:00	- 00:00
Tuesday	06:00	- 00:00
Wednesday	06:00	- 00:00
Thursday	06:00	- 00:00
Friday	06:00	- 00:00
Saturday	06:00	- 00:00

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

- All staff who sell alcohol or supply alcohol to customers will be licensed trained within 6 weeks of employment and documented.
- CCTV will be provided in the form of a recordable system and will be maintained and will be kept for 31 days. The recordings will be made available to any responsible authorities.
- The Licensee shall ensure that appropriate fire safety provisions are in place, clearly marked Escapes routes will be kept free from obstructions.
- Management will ensure that the customers move away from the premises and do not loiter in the area.
- The premises will implement a Challenge 25 policy. Holographic mark ID's passports or PASS card approved will be accepted, also till prompts will be used for age restricted products.

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	REPRESENTATIONS SUBMITTED
Local Councillor	Comments and recommendations

3.1 Recommendations from Local councillor

- The local councillor has concerns in respect of the availability of alcohol throughout the proposed opening hours . Representations presented are made in respect of 3 Licensing Objectives - Prevention of crime and disorder, prevention of public nuisance , and public safety.
- It is noted that Alcohol is to be sold from 6.00 in the morning until midnight, 7 days a week.; and that this may influence drinking levels, drinking patterns, and alcohol-related harm.
- The councillor recommends reducing the hours where it is possible to buy alcohol in the shop in order to reduce the chance of crime and disorder in the Town and for the sake of public safety.
- Reducing the hours at which alcohol can be sold would also reduce the chance of public nuisance, and would be a fair compromise

4.0 RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Committee considers the representations and recommendations made to reduce the operating hours' and makes a decision in accordance with the requirements of the Licensing Act 2003.