

COMMITTEE:	CENTRAL LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE
DATE:	30 April 2025
TITLE:	APPLICATION FOR PREMISES LICENCE – MICKEY’S BEACH CAFE, THE BOATYARD AND SHIPWAY, BWLCHTOCYN, ABERSOCH
PURPOSE:	FOR DECISION
AUTHOR:	HEAD OF ENVIRONMENT DEPARTMENT

1. APPLICATION RECEIVED

- 1.1 An application is appended for a premises licence for Mickey’s Beach Cafe, The Boatyard and Shipway, Bwlchtocyn, Abersoch, LL53 7EU. The intention is to be able to sell alcohol daily during the peak seasons of the year.
- 1.2 The applicant is seeking a premises licence for the: Sale of alcohol (on and off the premises) from 10:00 – 17:30, from Monday to Sunday.
- 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.
- 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:

Trwydded Arfaethedig/Proposed Licence
Cyflenwi Alcohol/Supply of Alcohol: Ar yr Premises: On the Premises Dydd Sul/Sunday: 10:00 - 17:30 Dydd Llun/Monday: 10:00 – 17:30 Dydd Mawrth/Tuesday: 10:00 – 17:30 Dydd Mercher/Wednesday: 10:00 – 17:30 Dydd Iau/Thursday: 10:00 – 17:30 Dydd Gwener/Friday: 10:00 – 17:30 Dydd Sadwrn/Saturday: 10:00 – 17:30

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 -

- The site will implement a no-glass policy, and all alcohol sold for off-site consumption will use polycarbonates

- Any staff directly involved in the sale of alcohol to consumers, will receive regular documented training relating to the sale of alcohol and the prevention of underage sales
- A Challenge 25 policy in place
- No loud music – customers asked to leave quietly
- CCTV operational on site

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

3. CONSULTATION

A consultation on the application was undertaken and the following responses were received -

RESPONSES	OBSERVATIONS
North Wales Police	No objection
Fire Service	No objection
Food Team, Public Protection	No objection
Pollution Control, Public Protection	No objection
Planning Service	No objection
Members of the public	Objections received
Llanengan Community Council	Objection

Observations of Llanengan Community Council

- 3.1 Concerns about drinking on the beach – machinery (e.g. speed boats/jetskis) and alcohol do not go together.
- 3.2 There is grave concern about the lack of toilets on site – an issue that has been raised by the Council on several occasions since a café was established on the site.
- 3.3 The sale of alcohol may increase the popularity of Traeth Marchros and there is concern about the extra travel that could be made there on a narrow, winding road with just about enough space for two cars to pass each other.

4 Public Observations

- 4.1 There are no toilets on site, and customers use the public toilets nearby. The café has no control over the toilets and these can be closed at any time which has the potential to cause human waste problems in the area.
- 4.2 The area has seen an increase in waste being dispersed at the café as it is, and this has the potential to become more of a problem if more people drink there. Some residents have been seeing an increase in rats since the café has become busier.
- 4.3 Concerns that there may be an increase in broken glass and plastic on the beach near the café.
- 4.4 The beach in front of the café is very popular with families, and selling alcohol can increase the potential for people to drink and operate power boats in the area which is dangerous for anyone swimming in the sea.

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.

- **Alcohol was sold on the site on a number of occasions last summer using Temporary Events Notices. No complaints were received from the Licensing Authority or the Public Protection Unit following several events permitted using Temporary Events Notices.**