

COUNTY BOROUGH OF BLAENAU GWENT

**REPORT TO: THE CHAIR AND MEMBERS OF THE
STATUTORY LICENSING COMMITTEE**

**SUBJECT: STATUTORY LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE
TUESDAY, 28TH MARCH, 2017**

**REPORT OF: BUSINESS SUPPORT OFFICER, DEMOCRATIC &
CORPORATE SUPPORT**

PRESENT: COUNCILLOR D. BEVAN (VICE- CHAIR) In the Chair

Councillors M. Holland
Mrs. L. Winnett

WITH: Team Leader, Licensing
Licensing Officer
Solicitor

AND: Mrs. W. M. Powell – Applicant
Mr. Mark Perry – Solicitor, Hugh James Solicitors
Mr. I. Thomas – Friend

Councillor B. Willis – Objector

**LICENSING ACT 2013 – NEW PREMISES LICENCE –
FARRALLS, 13 THE CIRCLE, TREDEGAR**

The Chair welcomed the Applicant, Members and Officers to the meeting which had been convened to discuss an application for a New Premises Licence for 13 The Circle, Tredegar.

At the invitation of the Chair, the Team Leader – Licensing, spoke to the report and advised Members that letters of objection/support that had been received outside of the deadline would not be considered.

The Chair invited the Objector, speaking on behalf of 'Other Persons', Councillor B. Willis, to address the Committee.

Councillor Willis informed Members that The Circle, Tredegar was the hub of the Tredegar Town conservation area, which had received a considerable amount of public money for development. He expressed concern that granting the application would have a detrimental impact on the area with the potential for loud music and anti-social behaviour, and would affect the redevelopment of the Tredegar Arms Hotel into Hotel Accommodation and a Fine Dining Restaurant.

Councillor Willis and his constituents wanted to protect the environment, and for the reasons outlined to Members, requested that the application be refused.

The Chair invited Mr. Perry, Solicitor for the Applicant, to address the Committee.

Mr. Perry referred to Appendix 3 of the report regarding concern that the application would attract children to the area and create a noise issue. He wanted it noted that no objection had been received from the relevant Council Department and there was no evidence to substantiate this claim.

The Chair explained that this was a potential problem and appropriate action would be taken should any issues arise. He referred to the amendments that had been made to the application and asked the Applicant to be mindful of these amendments.

A Member asked if food would be provided at the premises and the Applicant explained that it currently had a licence as a Dessert Bar and food would be served on the ground floor.

Mr. Perry concluded that all issues regarding this application had been adhered to and dealt with appropriately by his client; he therefore requested the application be granted.

The Applicant and Officers withdrew from the meeting at this juncture in order to allow the Sub-Committee to deliberate in private.

The Committee discussed the application and a decision was unanimously reached.

The Applicant was invited back into the Meeting, and the Chair asked the Solicitor to read out the decision of the Statutory Licensing Sub-Committee to the applicant and her Solicitor.

Members have considered today an application for a New Premises Licence in accordance with the Licensing Act 2003 in respects of Farralls, Ground Floor 13 The Circle, Tredegar.

Copies of the application were sent to the specified responsible Authorities. South Wales Fire and Rescue Service and Gwent Police, confirmed they had no objections to the application. No representations were received from Blaenau Gwent County Borough Council's Trading Standards Department, Planning, Social Services Department and Aneurin Bevan Health Board.

Representations were received from Blaenau Gwent County Borough Council's Environmental Health and Licensing Enforcement Departments and one elected Member of the Council.

Members carefully listened to the representations made to them by the interested parties, together with those made by the applicant's Solicitor and the applicant herself. Members were satisfied that the additional conditions agreed by the applicant would not be to a contravention of the licensing objectives.

When considering the application for the New Premises Licence Members were aware that they should have regard to all representations made to them and to take one of the following actions:

1. To grant the application
2. To reject the whole or part of the application
3. To grant the application with modifications to the conditions

Members were made aware that copies of the application were sent to the specified Authorities, with Gwent Police making representations. Conditions were agreed with the licence holder and Gwent Police had decided to withdraw their representations.

In considering the application, the Sub-Committee are aware that they must take into account the provisions of the Licensing Act 2003 and in particular the licencing objectives which are:

1. Prevention of Crime and Disorder
2. Public Safety
3. The Prevention of Public Nuisance
4. The Protection of children from harm

And also consider guidance issued by the Home Office under Section 182 of the Act, and the Council's Licencing Policy.

In reaching a decision, Members have considered written evidence of the other persons, and carefully considered comments received, and it was

RESOLVED that the application for the New Premises Licence be **GRANTED**.
