

**Committee: Statutory Licensing Sub-Committee**

Date of meeting: Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2022

Report Subject: Licensing Act 2003 – Variation of Premises  
Licence – The Venue, Commonwealth Road,  
Garnlydan, Ebbw Vale

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**1. Purpose of the Report**

1.1 To inform the Statutory Licensing Sub-Committee of representations received in respect of an application for the variation of a premises licence at The Venue, Commonwealth Road, Garnlydan, Ebbw Vale in order to enable the Sub-Committee to determine the application in accordance with the Licensing Act 2003.

**2. Scope and Background**

2.1 An application was submitted on 20<sup>th</sup> January 2022 by Mr Sunny Singh Sangha, for the variation of a premises licence at the premises The Venue, Commonwealth Road, Garnlydan, Ebbw Vale. **Appendix 1** - Location map is attached for reference.

2.2 The current premises licence has been in place since 2005 and allows the following licensable activities:-

Live music

Recorded music

Anything of a similar description to that falling within live music,  
recorded music

Supply of alcohol

2.3 The current opening hours of the premises are:-

Monday to Thursday	11.00 am	12.30 am
Friday & Saturday	11.00 am	1.30 am
Sunday	12.00 Midday	12.00 Midnight
Friday & Saturday preceding	11.00 am	2.00 am

official Bank Holiday Monday

Sunday preceding official Bank Holiday Monday	12.00 Midday	2.00 am
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Christmas Eve Boxing Day	11.00 am if it falls Mon to Sat or 12 Noon if it falls on a Sun	2.00 am
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New Year Eve (if on Mon – Sat)	11.00 am	The time normal alcohol sales start on following day
New Year Eve (if on Sunday)	12.00 Midday	

2.4 The proposed variation is:-\*

Change of layout inside premises – see **Appendix 2**

2.5 Permission has been granted by the Council's Planning Team to reconfigure the internal area of existing club building to allow a new convenience store to be incorporated. An application for a new premises licence for the convenience store has been submitted to the Licensing team for determination. As a result of the reconfiguration, the existing club now required a variation of the premises licence to reduce the size of the licensed area. No other changes to the premises licence has been requested by the licence holder. Therefore, the times during which licensable activities will be provided and the opening hours of the club will remain same. The club will retain its original entrance at the side of the building and the convenience store will have a new entrance at the front of the building. There will be no access to either licensed premises from the other.

2.6 In accordance with the Licensing Act 2003, as part of the consultation process, the applicant has a duty to send copies of the application to Responsible Authorities. Therefore, consultation has been carried out with Gwent Police, South Wales Fire and Rescue Service, Immigration Service, Blaenau Gwent County Borough Council Trading Standards, Licensing Enforcement Officers, Planning, Environmental Health, Social Services departments and Aneurin Bevan Health Board. In addition, the applicant placed a notice of the application at the

premises, for 28 days to enable Other Persons, i.e. local residents and businesses, to make representations. A notice was placed on the authorities website, also a notice was also published in the Gwent Gazette within 10 days of the date the application was received

2.7 No representations were received from Gwent Police, South Wales Fire and Rescue Service, Immigration Service, Blaenau Gwent County Borough Council Trading Standards, Licensing Enforcement Officers, Planning, Social Services departments and Aneurin Bevan Health Board

2.8 Representations were received from Environmental Health, however the applicant agreed to amend the application as follows and Environmental Health withdrew their representations:-

1. At times when regulated entertainment is provided and/or provision for entertainment facilities is made within the licensed premises all external openings to the licensed premises must be kept closed, save for the purposes of entering and exiting the premises.

2. No form of loudspeaker or sound amplification equipment shall be sited in or near any foyer, doorway, window or any external opening of the licensed premises.

2.9 Representations were received from two 'other persons' within the specified timescale and copies are attached at **Appendix 3**.

2.10 In considering this application, the sub-committee must take account of the provisions in the Licensing Act 2003, in particular, the licensing objectives which are:-

- The prevention of crime and disorder
- Public safety
- The prevention of public nuisance
- The protection of children from harm.

2.11 The guidance issued by the Home Office under section 182 of the Act and the Council's licensing policy must be taken into account when considering this application.

### 3 **Options for Recommendation**

3.1 The options available to the Statutory Licensing sub-committee are:

1. To approve the proposed variation
2. To modify the conditions on the licence or
3. To reject the whole or part of the application

And for this purposed the conditions of the licence are modified if any of them is altered or omitted or any new condition it added.

### 3.2 **Background Documents /Electronic Links**

- Appendix 1 - Location map
- Appendix 2 – Plan of the Premises
- Appendix 3 - Objections from ‘other persons’