Minutes of the meeting of Licensing and Gambling Committee held in The Council Chamber, County Hall, The Rhadyr, Usk on Monday, 22nd September, 2025 at 10.00 am

PRESENT: County Councillor Tudor Thomas (Chair)

County Councillors: M. Newell and Jackie Strong

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Linda O'Gorman Principal Licensing Officer

Samantha Winn Licensing Officer

Julian Sanders Solicitor

Richard Williams Democratic Services Officer

APOLOGIES:

None received.

1. Declarations of Interest

None received.

2. <u>Application to vary a Premises Licence - Llanvetherine Court, Llanvetherine Court Farm Road, Llanvetherine</u>

We considered an application to vary the premises licence under the Licensing Act 2003 from Mr Huw Evans and Mr Edward Evans for the following:

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Current Licence

Live Music*, Recorded Music**

Thursday:12.00 - 00.00,

Friday:00.00 - 02.00 and 12.00-00.00, Saturday:00.00-06.00 and 11.00 -00.00, Sunday:00.00-06.00 and 11.00-20.00

On Bank Holiday Weekends: Sunday Times 00.00-06.00 and 11.00-00.00, Monday Times 00.00-06.00 and 11.00-20.00. New Years Eve: 16.00 - 06.00.

*A licence is not required for live music within the on-licence premises providing it takes place between 08.00hrs-23.00hrs and the audience do not exceed 500 people.

**A licence is not required for recorded music within the on-licence premises providing it takes place between 08.00hrs-23.00hrs and the audience do not exceed 500 people.

Late Night Refreshment

Thursday:23.00 - 00.00, Friday:00.00 - 02.00 and 23.00-00.00, Saturday:00.00-05.00 and 23.00 -00.00, Sunday:00.00-05.00

On Bank Holiday Weekends: Sunday Times 23.00-05.00, Monday Times 23.00-05.00

New Years Eve: 23.00 - 05.00

Supply of Alcohol

Monday-Thursday: 12.00 - 22.00, Friday: 00.00 - 02.00 and 11.00 - 00.00 Saturday: 00.00 - 06.00 and 11.00 - 00.00, Sunday: 00.00 - 06.00 and 10.00 - 23.00 On Bank Holiday Weekends: Sunday Times 00.00-06.00 and 11.00-00.00, Monday Times 00.00-06.00 and 11.00-20.00. New Years Eve: 16.00 - 06.00

Proposed Licence

Live Music, Recorded Music (inside and outside)

Monday-Wednesday:10:00hrs-24:00hrs,

Thursday: 10:00hrs-04:00hrs,

Friday and Saturday: 10:00hrs- 06:00hrs,

Sunday: 10:00hrs – 04:00hrs,

Bank Holidays and New Years Eve: 10:00hrs – 06:00hrs

Live Music will not occur outdoors later than 23:00hrs. Volume levels would be determined by audibility checks at neighboring properties

Late Night Refreshment

Monday-Wednesday:23:00hrs-24:00hrs Thursday: 23:00hrs-04:00hrs, Friday and Saturday:23:00hrs-05:00hrs, New Years Eve, and New Years Day -23:00hrs - 05:00hrs

Alcohol hours (on and off sales)

Monday–Wednesday:10:00hrs–23.30hrs, Thursday: 10:00hrs –03:30hrs, Friday and Saturday: 10:00hrs–05:30hrs, Sunday: 10:00hrs – 03:30hrs, Bank Holidays and New Years Eve: 10:00hrs – 05:30hrs

Opening Hours: 00:00hrs-00:00hrs

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The Chair welcomed the applicants to the meeting and introduced Members of the Sub Committee and the attending Officers and explained the protocol for the meeting.

The applicants confirmed receipt of the report and hearing procedure and acknowledged that they would proceed without legal representation.

The key issues and details were read out to the Sub Committee.

The objectors had provided written evidence but were not present at the meeting.

The applicants were then given the opportunity to address the Sub Committee, to put forward any relevant explanations. Following this, Members of the Sub Committee put forward questions to the applicants and discussion ensued. The applicants were then given the opportunity to sum up.

Following questioning, the Sub Committee Members and the Monmouthshire County Council Solicitor left the meeting to deliberate and discuss the findings.

Upon re-commencement, the Chair and Monmouthshire Solicitor advised that the Sub Committee had made a unanimous decision to approve the application.

The following reasons were given by the Sub-Committee for the decision to approve the application:

- 1. The applicants have agreed to comply with all the conditions stipulated by the Police conditions.
- 2. The applicants have recognised the issues/concerns raised by the objectors and the Sub-Committee was satisfied with the steps taken by the applicants to reduce noise levels (e.g the implementation of sound proofing).
- 3. The Sub-Committee took into consideration the licensing objections contained within the Licensing Act 2003. The Sub-Committee had no significant concerns in respect of the four licensing objectives.
- 4. The Sub-Committee took into the account the highway junction to enter/exit the premises and considered public safety, which is one of the Licensing Objectives under the Licensing Act 2003. The Sub-Committee made the following recommendations to mitigate the risk:
- The applicants' hedge which adjoins the highway junction is to be maintained to provide good visibility to road users and pedestrians.
- The applicants include an advice note on their website in respect of the junction to enter and exit their premises and to exercise care when entering and leaving the venue and entering the highway.

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- An advice note to be clearly visible at the property in respect of the junction and to exercise care when entering and leaving the property and entering the highway.

The meeting ended at 11.03 am.