

MONMOUTHSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Licensing and Gambling Committee held at The Council Chamber, County Hall, The Rhadyr Usk on Friday, 21st November, 2025 at 10.00 am

PRESENT: County Councillor Tudor Thomas (Chair)

County Councillors: Alistair Neill, Jackie Strong

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Linda O'Gorman	Principal Licensing Officer
Emma Watkins	Licensing Officer
Julian Sanders	Solicitor
Richard Williams	Democratic Services Officer

APOLOGIES:

None received.

1. Declarations of Interest

None received.

2. Application for a New Premises Licence – Pugh's Garden Kitchen

We considered an application for a new premises licence under the Licensing Act 2003 for Pugh's Garden Kitchen, 7-9 Mill Street, Abergavenny, NP7 5HE for the following:

- Supply of Alcohol: Monday-Wednesday – 09:00 - 18:00 (on & off the Premises) Thursday-Saturday – 09:00 - 22:00 (on & off the Premises) Sunday – 10:00 - 16:30 (on & off the Premises).
- Open Hours (Standard timings): Monday-Wednesday – 08:00 - 18:00 Thursday-Saturday – 08:00 - 23:00 Sunday – 10:00 -17:00.

<https://www.youtube.com/live/9rhpHPidqCI?si=Pxtbin8Q0gywvWiG&t=164>

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

The applicants and the objector's representative confirmed receipt of the report, additional documentation and hearing procedure.

The applicants acknowledged that they would proceed without legal representation.

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

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The objectors' representative was then given the opportunity to address the Sub Committee, to put forward the objections to the application.

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 the objectors' representative and discussion ensued. The applicants and the objectors' representative 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 Chair also confirmed that the applicant had accepted all the police conditions that were put forward by them following the private deliberations.

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

- The Sub Committee did extend its deliberations to the issue of car parking to address the concerns that have been raised by the objectors. The Sub Committee noted that there are yellow lines along Mill Street and there is a car park opposite the applicants' premises. It also noted that there is a bus station opposite the premises to encourage public transport.
- The Sub Committee acknowledged the acceptance by the applicants to reduce the hours from 11.00pm to 10.00pm for the sale of alcohol on Thursday, Friday and Saturday.
- The Sub Committee concluded that this is a business that the Authority should be attracting to Abergavenny.
- The Sub Committee considered the measures taken by the business to mitigate the noise levels, including double glazing, insulation and sound proofing.

The meeting ended at 11.21 am.