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MONMOUTHSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

**Minutes of the meeting of Licensing and Regulatory Sub Committee held
at The Council Chamber, County Hall, The Rhadyr, Usk, NP15 1GA with remote
attendance on Wednesday, 12th March, 2025 at 10.00 am**

PRESENT: County Councillor Tudor Thomas (Chair)

County Councillors: Tony Easson and Dale Rooke

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Samantha Winn	Licensing Officer
Julian Sanders	Solicitor
Wendy Barnard	Democratic Services Officer
Emma Watkins	Licensing Officer

Matthew Phipps, TLT Solicitors
Jane Gulliver, Personal License Holder, representing the applicant
Nigel Webb, Objector

APOLOGIES:

None.

1. Declaration of Interests

None.

2. Application to vary a Premises Licence - 57 Bridge Street, Usk

We met to consider an application to vary the premises licence under the Licensing Act 2003 for 57 Bridge Street, Usk.

The Chair welcomed the applicant's solicitor and representative, and a local resident, to the meeting. He introduced Members of the Sub Committee, the attending Officers and explained the protocol for the meeting.

<https://www.youtube.com/live/hKmyqZcdwSc?si=947WEXWTvPp7P0OH>

The Applicant's solicitor and the local resident confirmed they had sight of the report and the committee procedures.

The Licensing Officers presented the report noting that there is a numbering error contained therein. The key issues and details were read out to the Sub Committee and the licensing objectives were referred to.

It was noted that due to suggestions received from Gwent Police and Environmental Health, the applicant had agreed to some changes from those originally proposed and the application now concerned the hours of selling alcohol only:

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<u>Existing Hours</u>	<u>Proposed Hours</u>
<u>Sale of Alcohol</u> Monday-Sunday:09.00 - 22.00	<u>Sale of Alcohol:</u> Sunday – Monday: 10.00hrs – 23.30hrs, Thursday-Saturday: 10:00hrs - 00:45hrs
	<u>Late Night Refreshment</u> Sunday-Monday: 23:00hrs – 24:00hrs Thursday-Saturday: 23:00hrs – 01:15hrs
<u>Opening Hours</u> Monday-Sunday:09.00 - 22.30	<u>Opening hours</u> Sunday-Monday: 09:00hrs – 24:00hrs Thursday-Saturday: 09:00hrs – 01:15hrs

The Applicant's solicitor was given the opportunity to address the Sub Committee, to put forward any relevant explanations. Following this, Members of the Sub Committee and the objectors had the opportunity to put forward questions to the applicants. The Applicant's solicitor was given the opportunity to sum up.

A local resident presented objections to the application, providing information and examples. Following this, Members of the Sub Committee and the Applicant's solicitor had the opportunity to put forward questions to the applicants. The local resident was given the opportunity to sum up.

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

Upon re-commencement, the Chair advised that the Sub Committee unanimously allowed the application but imposed a condition that no alcohol is to be consumed in the outside area of the premises including the footprint of the marquee after 12am.

The reasons for the decision are that:

- **There are no current objections from the EHO or the Police. The MCC Planning Department have confirmed that Marquee requires Listed Building Consent.**
- **The Committee has taken into consideration the points raised by the three Objectors**
- **The condition of no consumption of alcohol in the outside area of the premises after 12am is a reasonable condition to impose. The outside space includes the footprint of the Marquee.**
- **The Committee acknowledged the amendments and concessions made by the Applicant throughout the process.**

Additional conditions covering the following areas were imposed by the statutory consultees and agreed by the applicant, and included:

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- Staff Training
- Signage indicating that CCTV equipment is in use and recording at the premises during operating hours.
- Incident / refusals' logbook.
- Signage to respect the needs of local residents at entry/exit points.
- Rowdy and/or disorderly customers will be asked to leave the premises
- Staff shall ensure that any glass bottles or glasses are removed from persons leaving the premises.
- Proof of age such as Challenge 25 shall be adopted, implemented and advertised.
- Doors and windows will be kept closed when regulated entertainment takes place. A noise management plan detailing appropriate controls to prevent unreasonable noise disturbance to nearby properties shall be retained at the premises and shall be reviewed every 12 months

The meeting ended at 11.42 am

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