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MONMOUTHSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

**Minutes of the meeting of Licensing and Gambling Committee held
at Council Chamber, County Hall, The Rhadyr USK on Tuesday, 9th September, 2025 at
9.30 am**

PRESENT: County Councillor Tudor Thomas (Chairman)

County Councillors: Alistair Neill and M. Newell

Also in attendance County Councillor: Sue Riley, Ward Member,
representing objectors

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Wendy Barnard	Democratic Services Officer
Linda O'Gorman	Principal Licensing Officer
Julian Sanders	Solicitor
Taylor Watts	Licensing Officer

Tony Phelps, Objector
Ella Phelps, Supporting Objector
Martin Phelps, Supporting Objector

Kelly Gettings, Applicant
Kyle Gettings, Applicant's representative

APOLOGIES:

None.

1. Declarations of Interest

None.

2. Application for a New Premises Licence – Only Foods & Sauces

We met to consider an application for a new premises licence under the Licensing Act 2003 for Only Foods and Sauces Limited, Bulwark Industrial Estate, Bulwark, Chepstow, NP16 5QZ.

The Chair welcomed the applicant and companion, three local residents and County Councillor Sue Riley, ward member for the area. He introduced Members of the Sub Committee, the attending officers and explained the protocol for the meeting.

<https://youtu.be/hQZEvYfuc8M?si=FjaQFJ0v6AwYRRUF>

All present confirmed they had sight of the report and the committee procedures. The applicant confirmed she was happy to proceed with no legal representation.

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The Licensing Officer presented the report. The key issues and details of the application (below) were read out to the Sub Committee and the licensing objectives were referred to. The applicant confirmed in writing to the Licensing Authority their acceptance of the representations made by Gwent Police and environmental health.

Provision of Films: Friday-Sunday – 09:00 to 23:00 (Outdoors)

Provision of Live Music: Friday-Sunday – 09:00 to 23:00 (Outdoors)

Provision of Recorded Music: Monday-Thursday – 09:00-14:00 & Friday - Sunday – 09:00-23:00 (Outdoors)

Supply of Alcohol: Friday-Sunday – 12:00-23:00 (On the Premises)

Open Hours (Standard timings): Monday-Thursday – 09:00-14:00 & Friday - Sunday – 09:00-23:00

A local resident, in attendance and supported by two family members, presented objections to the application. County Councillor Sue Riley represented two further Objectors.

The primary concern from objectors was noise and reference was made to a bank holiday event at which music was reportedly audible from a significant distance, disturbing residents. Councillor Sue Riley echoed concerns from multiple residents about excessive outdoor music, especially compared to other venues that restrict music to indoors after 9 PM.

There were concerns about large gatherings causing disruption, traffic issues, and littering and intoxicated individuals although no current incidents were reported. Concerns were mentioned about proximity to a **gymnastics club** with children present.

The committee emphasized that objections must relate to the **four licensing objectives:

1. Prevention of crime and disorder
2. Public safety
3. Prevention of public nuisance
4. Protection of children from harm

Following questions, the Licensing and Gambling Sub Committee Members and the Monmouthshire County Council Solicitor left the meeting to deliberate.

Upon re-commencement, the Chair advised that the Sub Committee had fully considered the case and had paid great regard to the objections raised in person and in writing. The Chair indicated that reference to criminal convictions had been discounted. After full consideration, the license was granted with some conditions as recommended by:

Gwent Police

- Supply of Alcohol to cease at 22:30 Friday-Sunday to allow 30 minutes of drink up time
- Additional training for staff working at the premises
- The implementation of CCTV in licensed areas of the premises
- Incident/refusal logbook
- Further monitoring of the premises and notices displayed at the premises
- Implementation of the Challenge 25 Scheme

Environmental Health

- Implementation of noise management plan
- Installation of a noise limiting device

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During the hearing, there was reference to a covenant on the land restricting the sale of alcohol. The solicitor confirmed that this does not restrict Monmouthshire County Council's licencing authority's powers to issue a premises licence.

The meeting ended at 11.04 am

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