
CENTRAL LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE, 15.12.10

Present: Councillor Evie M. Jones (Chairman)
Councillors Dewi Llewelyn and W. Tudor Owen

Also present: Geraint B. Edwards (Solicitor), Amlyn ab Iorwerth (Licensing Manager) and Gwyn Parry Williams (Committee Officer).

Others invited to the meeting:

Applicants:

Representing the Halfway Inn, Talysarn, Caernarfon: Mr Mark Brown (Solicitor), Mrs Deborah Leech (Tenant), Mr Stephen Leech and Mr Daryl Ward.

Apologies: Councillors J.R. Jones and Dilwyn Lloyd (local member)

1. APPLICATION TO VARY THE PREMISES LICENCE OF THE HALFWAY INN, TALYSARN, CAERNARFON

Submitted - the report of the Licensing Manager, providing details of the application on behalf of the Halfway Inn, Talysarn, Caernarfon, to vary the premises licence as follows -

- i) Opening hours to the public between 11.00 and 00.30 Mondays to Thursdays, between 11.00 and 01.30 on Fridays and Saturdays and between 12.00 and 00.30 on Sundays.
- ii) Supply of alcohol within and outside the building, between 11.00 and 00.00, Mondays to Thursdays, between 11.00 and 01.00 on Fridays and Saturdays and between 12.00 and 00.00 on Sundays.
- iii) Recorded music and indoor sporting events between 11.00 and 00.00, Mondays to Thursdays, between 11.00 and 01.00 on Fridays and Saturdays and between 12.00 and 00.00 on Sundays.

It was reported, following the appropriate consultation period, that the Police did not object to the application, and that the Fire and Rescue Service and Trading Standards Department had no observations. Llanllyfni Community Council objected to the application based on public nuisance.

In considering the application, the following procedure was followed:-

- i. Members of the Sub-committee and the Applicant were given an opportunity to ask questions of the Licensing Manager.
- ii. The Applicant was invited to expand on the application.
- iii. Consultees were given an opportunity to support their observations.
- iv. The licensee, or his representative, was invited to respond to the observations.
- v. Members of the Sub-committee were given an opportunity to ask questions of the licensee.
- vi. Members of the Sub-committee were given an opportunity to ask questions of the consultees.

- vii The Applicant or his representative was given an opportunity to summarise their case.

No representative from Llanllyfni Community Council was present at the meeting to support the observations submitted by letter and the members expressed discontent as a result. It was agreed to send a letter to the Community Council expressing that. As a result of the absence of the Community Council representative, the members considered deferring the application; however, it was decided to continue with the meeting.

In supporting the application, the solicitor on behalf of the tenant informed the sub-committee -

- That the application was made mainly to increase the income of the public house and that it was possible that she would not be able to continue unless the hours were increased.
- That the current tenant had taken over the tenancy of the premises in October 2007 and that improvements had been made to it since then. Six persons were employed in relation to the business.
- That the majority of public houses these days were open until 00.00 during the week and until 01.00 on weekends.
- That the application was sensible in comparison to some applications received from tenants asking for the hours to be increased until 03.00 or 04.00.
- That the future of the public house was important, not only to the tenant, but to the community also. He referred to the darts and pool teams that met there regularly.
- There were no incidents of crime and disorder associated to the public house and he drew attention to the fact that the police did not object to the application.
- There was no problem with noise from the premises. He noted that there were fields to the front of the premises, an empty house on one side and a terrace of houses on the other side. No objection had been received to the application from the residents of those houses.
- That signage would be erected drawing the attention of customers to the need to leave the premises in an orderly manner and to respect the neighbours.
- That only background music was played in the premises.

The relevant parties left the meeting and the application was discussed by Sub-committee members, considering all evidence submitted and giving specific attention to the principles of the act, namely:

- Crime and Disorder Prevention
- Public Safety
- Public Nuisance Prevention
- Protection of Children from Harm

RESOLVED

a) To approve the variation to the licence of the Halfway Inn, Talysarn, Caernarfon, as follows -

i) To approve indoor sporting events under paragraph C between 11.00 and 00.00 on Mondays to Thursdays, between 11.00 and 01.00 on Fridays and Saturdays and between 12.00 and 00.00 on Sundays.

ii) To approve recorded music under paragraph F between 11.00 and 00.00 on Mondays to Thursdays, between 11.00 and 01.00 on Fridays and Saturdays and between 12.00 and 00.00 on Sundays.

iii) To approve the supply of alcohol under paragraph M between 11.00 and 00.00 on Mondays to Thursdays, between 11.00 and 01.00 on Fridays and Saturdays and between 12.00 and 00.00 on Sundays.

- iv) To approve the opening hours to the public under paragraph O between 11.00 and 00.30 on Mondays to Thursdays, between 11.00 and 01.30 on Fridays and Saturdays and between 12.00 and 00.30 on Sundays.**
- b) To send a letter to Llanllyfni Community Council expressing discontent that no representative from the Council attended the sub-committee to submit observations.**

The Solicitor reported that he would aim to send a letter within five working days, informing the applicants of the Sub-committee's decision, and to inform them of the right to appeal against the decision within 21 days of receiving that letter.

The meeting commenced at 10.45am and concluded at 11.30am.