

<b>COMMITTEE:</b>	<b>CENTRAL LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE</b>
<b>DATE:</b>	<b>26/11/20</b>
<b>TITLE:</b>	<b>APPLICATION FOR PREMISES LICENCE - ABER FALLS DISTILLERY</b>
<b>PURPOSE:</b>	<b>FOR DECISION</b>
<b>AUTHOR:</b>	<b>HEAD OF ENVIRONMENT DEPARTMENT</b>

**1. APPLICATION RECEIVED**

- 1.1 Attached is an application for a premises licence for Aber Falls Distillery, Station Road, Abergwynnregyn, LL33 0LB, by the applicant Christopher James Wright. The applicant is seeking to vary an existing premises licence (for a licensed shop for the sale of alcohol off-site), to amend hours and enable the drinking of alcohol on the site. A new visitor centre, bistro and bar have been created and it is intended to offer space to hire for private events or activities.
- 1.2 The application is made in relation to the sale of alcohol on and off the premises, film showings, live and recorded music, dance performances and the provision of late night refreshments.
- 1.3 Officers from the Licensing Authority are satisfied there is sufficient evidence that the application has been submitted in accordance with the requirements of the Licensing Act 2003 and the relevant regulations and is therefore valid.
- 1.4 One objection to the application has been received, and the applicant has agreed to public protection conditions in terms of a compromise to the opening hours. The Police and the Fire and Rescue Service had no observations or objections.

See the attached table for details of the proposed hours:

<b>Current Licence</b>			<b>Proposed Licence</b>		
<b>Opening Hours</b>					
Sunday	08:00	- 18:00	Sunday	08:00	- 22:00
Monday	08:00	- 18:00	Monday	08:00	- 22:00
Tuesday	08:00	- 18:00	Dydd Mawrth/Tuesday	08:00	- 22:00
Wednesday	08:00	- 18:00	Dydd Mercher/Wednesday	08:00	- 22:00
Thursday	08:00	- 18:00	Dydd Iau/Thursday	08:00	- 22:00
Friday	08:00	- 18:00	Dydd Gwener/Friday	08:00	- 22:00
Saturday	08:00	- 18:00	Dydd Sadwrn/Saturday	08:00	- 22:00
<b>Licensable Activities:</b>					
			<b>Films: Indoors</b>		
			Sunday		-
			Monday		-
			Tuesday		-
			Wednesday		-
			Thursday	08:00	- 22:00
			Friday		-
Saturday		-			
			<b>Live Music: Indoors and Outdoors</b>		
			Sunday		-

	Monday		-				
	Tuesday		-				
	Wednesday		-				
	Thursday	12:00	-	00:00			
	Friday	12:00	-	00:00			
	Saturday	12:00	-	00:00			
	<b>Recorded Music: Indoors</b>						
	Sunday	10:00	-	22:00			
	Monday	10:00	-	22:00			
	Tuesday	10:00	-	22:00			
	Wednesday	10:00	-	22:00			
	Thursday	10:00	-	22:00			
	Friday	10:00	-	22:00			
	Saturday	10:00	-	22:00			
	<b>Performance of Dance:</b>						
	Sunday	10:00	-	22:00			
	Monday		-				
	Tuesday		-				
	Wednesday		-				
	Thursday		-				
	Friday		-				
	Saturday	10:00	-	22:00			
	<b>Anything of a similar description to that falling within (e), (f) or (g): Indoors and Outdoors</b>						
	Sunday	12:00	-	22:00			
	Monday		-				
	Tuesday		-				
	Wednesday		-				
	Thursday	12:00	-	22:00			
	Friday	12:00	-	22:00			
	Saturday	12:00	-	22:00			
	<b>Late Night Indoors and Outdoors</b>						
	Sunday	10:00	-	22:00			
	Monday		-				
	Tuesday		-				
	Wednesday		-				
	Thursday	10:00	-	22:00			
	Friday	10:00	-	22:00			
	Saturday	10:00	-	22:00			
<b>Supply of Alcohol: Both on and off the Premises</b>	<b>Supply of Alcohol: Both on and off the Premises</b>						
Sunday	08:00	-	18:00	Sunday	08:00	-	00:00
Monday	08:00	-	18:00	Monday	08:00	-	00:00
Tuesday	08:00	-	18:00	Tuesday	08:00	-	00:00
Wednesday	08:00	-	18:00	Wednesday	08:00	-	00:00
Thursday	08:00	-	18:00	Thursday	08:00	-	00:00
Friday	08:00	-	18:00	Friday	08:00	-	00:00
Saturday	08:00	-	18:00	Saturday	08:00	-	00:00

## **2. Measures recommended by the applicant to promote the licensing objectives**

Measures recommended by the applicant include the following -

- The site access will be secured with a locked gate, and there will be access to the premises through a door secured by staff members. A CCTV System will be operational and regular security patrols undertaken.
- A Challenge 25 alcohol sales policy is already in place, and the distillery will comply with the Drinkaware policies and the codes of the *Portman* group.
- There is already a comprehensive Health and Safety policy in place and the fire exits are in the appropriate locations. Customer numbers will be limited to prevent overcrowding.
- The property is not located near a residential area and we will be closing doors and windows and will minimise noise for the few nearby residences.

See full details of the recommended measures in section **M** of the application.

## **3. CONSULTATION**

The application was consulted upon and the following responses were received -

<b>RESPONSES</b>	<b>REPRESENTATIONS</b>
Neighbouring residents	E-mail – objection
Community Councillor x 2	E-mail – objection and observations
Public Protection	Observations and conditions

### **3.2 Nearby residents and community council**

Three e-mails have been received objecting to the application based on the licensing objectives of:

- Public nuisance prevention
- Public safety

Concerns were expressed regarding anti-social matters in terms of light pollution and noise, especially in relation to outdoor events with entertainment and music. Concern has been expressed regarding the definition of occasional events and this would also increase traffic and generate further noise. Due to the narrow location of the site there is concern in terms of the access and therefore also the safety of the public, as lorries load and unload goods there.

#### **Public Protection**

Observations and conditions have been received from the Public Protection Department. The applicant has agreed to compromise by cutting the opening hours and the supply of alcohol, he has also removed live music, dance performances and/or anything of a similar description from the application. It was agreed that a temporary event notice application would have to be submitted if the applicant intends to hold a festival or any similar event, and the Health and Safety Policy needs to be reviewed in relation to transport and customers on the site.

## **4 RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that this Committee approves the application - in accordance with what was agreed with the Police and the Public Protection service; and in accordance with the requirements of the Licensing Act 2003.