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MERTHYR TUDFUL
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County Borough Council

MINUTES OF MEETING

LICENSING COMMITTEE MEETING

WEDNESDAY, 5TH SEPTEMBER, 2018

PRESENT: Councillor C Tovey (Vice-Chair, in the Chair)

Councillors D Chaplin and M Colbran

Officers:

S Jones (Senior Solicitor) and J Baber (Licensing Officer)

Police Representative:

A Jenkins (South Wales Police)

M Morgan (Democratic Services Officer)

ITEM NO.	AGENDA MATTER	DECISION
267	Apologies for absence	No apologies for absence were received as all Members were present.
268	Declarations of Interest	No Declarations of Interest were made.
269	Application to Vary a Premises Licence	<i>The Vulcan Inn, High Street, Merthyr Tydfil CF47 8UD</i> The Chair welcomed Bethan Johnson the applicant and Jose Pires an objector to the Meeting. Simon Jones Solicitor outlined the procedure for the hearing. Jo Baber then led the Committee through the 'Application to Vary a Premises Licence - The Vulcan Inn, High Street, Merthyr Tydfil' report.

		<p>Ms Johnson confirmed that the variation being applied for in relation to Sundays was that it was for Sundays preceding Bank Holiday Mondays.</p> <p>Mr Pires advised that there had been noise disturbance for twenty years and that it was nothing personal with Ms Johnson as there were problems already on the High Street and that for twenty years there had been the need for Roller Shutter Doors. There was Anti-Social Behaviour and an increase of noise on a Thursday.</p> <p>Ms Johnson advised the Committee of the other Premises that were open on a Thursday and that the Vulcan Inn was not open on a Sunday.</p> <p>Mr Pires referred to Takeaways and Taxi's on the High Street together with comments of Residents on 'Trip Advisor'.</p> <p>Ms Johnson advised that she ran a good Pub and that the noise and anti-social behaviour could not be attributed to her premises bearing in mind that there were other premises in the area.</p> <p>Simon Jones advised that the Committee could only consider matters that were the responsibility of the Vulcan Inn. If there were problems with Takeaways then this was another matter.</p> <p>Responding to an allegation of outside drinking, Ms Johnson advised that no drinks were allowed out of the premises and that there was a designated Smoking Area at the back. She also referred to the variation being applied for and the extension of hours.</p> <p>Simon Jones advised that representations had also been received from others in the locality and that whilst they had not attended their representations would be taken into account by the Committee when coming to their decision.</p> <p>He also advised that no representations had been received from the Environmental Health Department or any objections from the Police.</p> <p>Andy Jenkins advised that the view of the South Wales Police was that if the application had been for later than 1.30 am then they would have objected.</p> <p>He further stated that he had engaged with Ms Johnson a year ago in relation to looking at the Premises Licence and the way the Business was operating. This was a process of educating and advising and that Ms Johnson had been positive in her co-operation with the Police.</p> <p>Mr Jenkins referred to the fence along the rear of the Premises that had been erected in the outdoor area.</p> <p>He referred to the issue of under-age customers and that 16/17 year olds could enter a Pub but could not consume</p>
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		<p>alcohol. However, Ms Johnson had indicated that she did not want youths in the Premises only adults and that a condition had been agreed with the Police that no Under 18's would be allowed into the premises during Licenced hours.</p> <p>A review had been undertaken on the CCTV System which had identified blind spots, there had been Staff Training together with Professional Door Staff.</p> <p>Mr Jenkins then advised of the Traffic Light System that he used and the Vulcan Inn was Green and there had been a percentage drop of incidents linked to the premises.</p> <p>He referred to Crime and Disorder and commented that if the Police were involved Ms Johnson did work with them and made CCTV footage available at the earliest opportunity.</p> <p>Ms Johnson was aware of her responsibilities that did not just end inside the Premises but also when Customers left the Premises.</p> <p>Mr Jenkins referred to the night time economy and the higher risk with alcohol and that there were residents living in the vicinity. He referred to the data base of post codes in the area and in relation to serious incidents going back eighteen months there was no direct evidence of the complaints by residents that they were from the Vulcan Inn. However, people did not always report incidents but from Police records there were no incidents that could be directly linked to the Vulcan.</p> <p>He further stated that Ms Johnson was aware of her responsibilities and referred to the Premises Licensing Conditions as contained within the report and that some Conditions were no longer fit for 2018 and that part of the Police's work with Ms Johnson was to tighten the Vulcan's Licensing Conditions so there was no risk of misinterpretation of any Conditions.</p> <p>Ms Johnson confirmed that she employed eight Door Staff on a Saturday night and outlined the extensions being applied for.</p> <p>In response to a question Ms Johnson advised that she had owned the premises for twenty plus years with her former husband and had run the premises for the past nine years with her business partner.</p> <p>Challenge 21 was in operation and there were CCTV cameras in every area of the premises and that these cameras were also of help in relation to other incidents in the area.</p> <p>Ms Johnson then gave details of employee numbers. The premises would be for customers over 18 years of age. Renovation works were also due to be undertaken and that a lot of hard work had been undertaken over the past nine</p>
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		<p>years. In relation to noise control, noise monitors at the premises were always on. She had also done everything that the Police and Fire Services had asked.</p> <p>Andy Jenkins then gave clarification of the Door Staff requirements.</p> <p>All parties then left the room.</p> <p>Debate then ensued on the application and after consideration by the Committee it was</p> <p>Resolved that:</p> <p>The variation in the Licence be granted in the same terms as those applied for by the applicant.</p> <p>All parties re-entered the Meeting and were advised by Simon Jones of the decision reached by the Committee.</p>
270	Any other business deemed Urgent by the Chair	The Chair advised that there was no business deemed urgent.