



MINUTES OF MEETING

STATUTORY LICENSING COMMITTEE MEETING

WEDNESDAY, 20TH APRIL, 2022

PRESENT: Councillor C Tovey (Chair)

Councillors M Colbran and S Thomas

Officers:

S Jones (Senior Solicitor) and R Furmage (Licensing Officer)

M Morgan (Democratic Services Officer)

ITEM NO.	AGENDA MATTER	DECISION
809	Apologies for absence	No apologies for absence were received as all Members were present.
810	Declarations of Interest	No Declarations of Interest were made.
811	Application to Vary a Premises Licence - The Taffy, Bethesda Street, Merthyr Tydfil, CF47 8LR	<p>The Chair welcomed Mrs S Hier the applicant, S Foley supporter for the applicant, D Meyrick and G Harrington residents and Councillor C Jones Ward Member representing local residents to the Meeting.</p> <p>Simon Jones Solicitor then outlined the procedure for the hearing.</p> <p>Rhys Furmage Licensing Officer then led the Committee in detail through the report in relation to 'Application to Vary a Premises Licence – The Taffy, Bethesda Street, Merthyr Tydfil, CF47 8LR'.</p> <p>Rhys Furmage also advised that a further objection had</p>

		<p>been received within the objection time period and therefore had been omitted from the report but that this objection would be shared with the Committee.</p> <p>Simon Jones then referred the Committee to the application and shared on screen a map showing the location of the property and the proposed beer garden.</p> <p>Simon Jones also shared on screen the objections that had been received from residents and gave details of the reasons raised by residents against the application.</p> <p>A further letter of objection was also read out to the Committee together with a further statement of objection from residents who had made written representation but were unable to attend the Meeting.</p> <p>G Harrington then made representations to the Committee against the proposal and advised that complaints had been made to Public Health regarding the fall out at night.</p> <p>D Meyrick then advised that at 11.15 pm on Good Friday a gang of boys had urinated in the hedge which was totally unacceptable and that there were also cans and bottles littered.</p> <p>Councillor C Jones then made representation on behalf of the residents and advised that there was a long history of issues that had been recorded on the Police data base and there had been complaints over a long period of time.</p> <p>He stated that the problems were continuing and that the residents deserved peace and quiet and that the application to extend the beer garden to accommodate up to forty people would cause problems as there was currently problems with four people using the smoking area.</p> <p>Councillor Jones also referred to the extension of the current Licence and that daytime hours would mean disturbance in the day time to the residents.</p> <p>He further stated that the residents deserved better and could not see how a beer garden could be looked after if there was up to forty people in the facility.</p> <p>S Foley speaking on behalf of the applicant referred to a letter the had been sent to the Licensing Officer addressing the objections but had been outside the time period.</p> <p>Ms Foley advised that Mrs Hier had managed the Lanterns for nine years with no issues where Police had been called and no complaints and that most of the clientele had gone with her and were older people who had a drink in the day. No complaints had been received from neighbours or the Police and that Mrs Hier wanted to be part of the community.</p> <p>With regard to people urinating in the area it could not be proven that these were customers of the Taffy and that</p>
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812	Any other business deemed Urgent by the Chair	The Chair advised that there was no business deemed urgent.