

LICENSING SUB COMMITTEE

30 AUGUST 2023

Present: Councillor Ferguson-Thorne(Chairperson)
Councillors Jenkins and Sattar

1 : DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None declarations of interest.

2 : APPLICATION FOR THE GRANT OF A PREMISES LICENCE - WINE REPUBLIC, HEOL Y DERI, RHIWBINA

Present:

Applicants

Adam Phelps represented by Matthew Phipps

The Application

An application for the grant of a Premises Licence was received from WinerepublicUK Ltd in respect of Wine Republic, 6C Heol y Deri, Rhiwbina, Cardiff.

The applicant has applied for the following:

(1) In respect of the following licensable activities:

(i) The sale by retail of alcohol for consumption on and off the premises.

(2) Description of Premises (as stated by applicant):

“A proposed wine shop and café. The premises will predominantly be laid out to shelving and an indication of the sort of look and feel of the store is enclosed within the brochure. Some craft beers will be available, we anticipate that the range will be modest. “Obvious” brand names such as Fosters, John Smiths etc will not be part of the proposal, the beer available will be craft, priced accordingly and for the same demographic (a discerning customer) as you might expect from a shop of this sort”.

(3) Unless otherwise indicated the premises may be open to the public during the following hours and for any hours consequential to the non-standard timings:

Monday to Sunday: 12:00 to 22:30 hours

(4) To provide licensable activities during the following hours:

(i) The sale by retail of alcohol for consumption on and off the premises:

Monday to Sunday: 12:00 to 22:00 hours

Applicant Representations

Mr Phipps was invited to present the application. Members were advised that the application sought a premises licence for a wine shop that would also allow for some consumption of alcohol on the premises. Mr Phipps provided an overview of the opening hours and the operation of the premises.

Referring to Appendix A in the report, Mr Phipps explained the layout of the premises. There were no tills at the premises and the business would be cashless with payment via a tablet.

The Operating Schedule that was submitted with the application included a number of conditions and these were suggested following pre-application consultation with Cardiff Council and South Wales Police. Mr Phipps advised that the conditions requested in the written representation received from South Wales Police were accepted in full, with the exception of condition 9. The conditions were broadly identical to those included in the Operating Schedule, but including some minor finesses. Mr Phipps then summarised the conditions agreed.

Referring to the written representation received from a local resident, Mr Phipps considered that it was not reasonable to assume that the public safety licensing objective would be undermined by another business in this location. Furthermore, waste would be stored at the enclosed rear of the premises until it was ready to be collected. Mr Phipps advised that the premises was small. There were four tables at the premises, each table could accommodate a maximum of four customers and it was highly unlikely that disturbance would result from their customers arriving or leaving at the same time.

Mr Phipps stated that he had taken the time to write to the objector in order to explain the operation of the business and the conditions that were intended to uphold the licensing objectives.

Summing Up

Mr Phipps considered that the application was a sensible, modest application with comprehensive conditions to support the licensing objectives. He invited Members to grant the application.

RESOLVED – That the Sub-Committee having considered all the information, and in accordance with the requirements of the Licensing Act 2003, the Section 182 Guidance and the Licensing Authority's own Statement of Licensing Policy, GRANTED the application, subject to the conditions agreed with South Wales Police.

3 : URGENT ITEMS (IF ANY)

No urgent items

The meeting terminated at 10.30 am