

RHONDDA CYNON TAF COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

LICENSING COMMITTEE
(SITTING IN ITS ROLE UNDER THE LICENSING ACT 2003)

Minutes of the meeting held at the County Borough Council Offices, The Pavilions, Clydach Vale on Tuesday, 21 January 2014 at 4:30p.m.

PRESENT

County Borough Councillor A. Fox – in the Chair

County Borough Councillors

(Mrs) T. A. Bates	B. Morgan
S. A. Bradwick	S. Powderhill
A. S. Fox	J. Rosser
(Mrs) S. Jones	G. Smith
(Mrs) C. Leyshon	L. Walker
R. B. McDonald	E. Webster
I. Pearce	T. Williams

Officers in Attendance

Mr P.J. Mee – Service Director, Public Health & Protection

Mrs R. Smith - Solicitor

Mrs M. Williams – Licensing Manager

Mr L. Morgan – Assistant Licensing Manager

17. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The following declarations of personal interests were received:-

- 1) From County Borough Councillor A. S. Fox in relation to Agenda Item 4 (Appendix 1A) Temporary Events Notice – ‘As local Member I was contacted by the Applicant. I gave the Applicant guidance and directed her to the relevant Licensing Officer’
- 2) From County Borough Councillor R. B. McDonald in relation to Agenda Item 4 (Appendix 1A) Temporary Events Notice (393249) – ‘I briefly attended the birthday party mentioned in the application’

18. HUMAN RIGHTS ACT 1988 AND CRIME & DISORDER ACT

RESOLVED to note, that when Members determine the licensing and registration matters before them they have a duty not to act in a manner that is incompatible with the convention on Human Rights and the Crime and Disorder Act.

19. MINUTES

RESOLVED to approve as an accurate record, the minutes of the meeting of the Licensing Committee (sitting in its role under the Licensing Act 2003) held on 22nd October 2013

REPORT OF THE SERVICE DIRECTOR, PUBLIC HEALTH & PROTECTION

20. REVIEW OF THE LICENSING ACT 2003 AND THE GAMBLING ACT 2005

The Service Director, Public Health & Protection presented the Committee with his quarterly report on relevant issues with regard to the Licensing Act 2003 and the Gambling Act 2005.

With a full summary of TEN's attached at Appendix 1 the Service Director, Public Health & Protection referred to the high number of applications for the period 7th October 2013 to 5th January 2014, which had been expected due to the Christmas festivities. An update was provided in terms of contested applications, reviews and appeals and further details presented in relation to the prosecutions and their outcomes which have taken place since the last report.

It was reported that as a result of 15 test purchases undertaken only one sale of alcohol to under age persons was reported which was a positive outcome for all involved. Investigations are ongoing in respect of the individual case. An update was provided in respect of staffing issues within the Licensing team which has since been resolved enabling WPI targets to be met and premises inspections to continue.

A report outlining the recovered Annual fees was circulated at the meeting for the benefit of Members.

With regard to the Gambling Act 2005 it was reported that one new premises licence for a Betting Premises has been issued to Bet Fred in Aberdare, the first since 2007. A Member queried the means for notifying local Members in respect of the implementation of such licences and the Service Director; Public Health & Protection assured Members of the Committee that he would advise them of the procedure in due course.

21. EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

RESOLVED that the press and public be excluded from the meeting under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended) for the following items of business on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 13 of Schedule 12A of the Act, namely, information relating to a particular individual. Transparency in the conduct of Local

Authority business is desirable, however, personal data relating to the conduct and capabilities of individuals will be discussed and considered. Consequently, it is considered the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing information.

REPORT OF THE SERVICE DIRECTOR, PUBLIC HEALTH AND PROTECTION CONTAINING EXEMPT INFORMATION

22. LICENSING ACT 2003 – LICENCES AND REGISTRATIONS ISSUED UNDER THE PROVISION OF DELEGATED POWERS

In his report, the Service Director, Public Health & Protection provided details of licences and registrations issued during the period 7th October 2013 to 5th January 2014 in relation to Personal Licences and Premises Licences and it was **RESOLVED** to note the report.

**A. FOX
CHAIRMAN**

The meeting terminated at 4.45pm