

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, 29 July 2014 at 4:30p.m.

PRESENT

County Borough Councillor A. Fox – in the Chair

County Borough Councillors

T. A. Bates	I. Pearce
S. A. Bradwick	B. Morgan
(Mrs) S. Jones	G. Smith
(Mrs) C. Leyshon	L. Walker
R. B. McDonald	T. Williams

Officers in Attendance

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

Mrs R. Smith - Solicitor

Mrs M. Williams – Licensing Manager

1. APOLOGIES

An apology of absence was received from County Borough Councillors J. Rosser, E. Webster and S. Powderhill

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

In accordance with the Members' Code of Conduct the following declarations of personal interests were received:-

1. From County Borough Councillor A. S. Fox in relation to Agenda Item 4, Temporary Events Notice Application No. 400426 – 'Member of Management Committee of Penrhiwceiber Hall'
2. From County Borough Councillor R. B. McDonald in relation to Agenda Item 4, Review of the Licensing Act 2003 and Gambling Act 2005, Review application The Hand & Squirrel, Talbot Green, Pontyclun – 'One of the Licensees was best man at my wedding – This is a prejudicial interest and I will leave the meeting when the item is discussed'

3. 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.

4. 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 15th April 2014

REPORT OF THE SERVICE DIRECTOR, PUBLIC HEALTH & PROTECTION

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

The Service Director Public Health & Protection presented his quarterly report in relation to the Licensing Act 2003 and the Gambling Act 2005.

Members of the Committee were informed of one Temporary Event held in the period which had caused significant problems in the surrounding locality with multi agencies having to meet to address these concerns and a subsequent event having been withdrawn. No other such concerns have been raised from any other TENS events held in the County Borough.

The Service Director Public Health & Protection summarised details of two contested applications determined since the last summary report and one review application received in the last quarter. Details were provided in relation to the main headings within the report in particular to Partnership Working and the Youth Engagement Project which aims to address the anti social behaviour and reduce alcohol and other substance misuse amongst young people and more importantly to identify the source of the alcohol. Both Licensing and Trading Standards Officers have been involved in the Safer Town Centres Campaign which is organised by the Community Safety Partnership in an attempt to share intelligence for the greater good.

Members of the Committee were advised of a recent review of outstanding fees which has taken place to identify several licensees who have failed to pay annual fees over a number of years. The process by which the fees will be recovered was explained.

Gambling Act 2005

The Service Director Public Health & Protection reported orally at the meeting on an amendment required to section 5.1 of the report.

Confirmation was received that there has been no change to the trade profile in respect of the Gambling Act 2005.

Several queries were raised by members of the Committee in respect of Licensing issues within their own wards. Following consideration of the report it was **RESOLVED** to:-

- (i) Note the contents of the report in respect of the Licensing Act 2003 which has been provided for information;
- (ii) Note the contents of the report in respect of the Gambling Act 2005, which has been provided for information

6. 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

7. 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 the 24th March 2014 to 13th July 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