

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 Thursday, 23 April 2015 at 4:30p.m.

PRESENT

County Borough Councillor A. Fox – in the Chair

County Borough Councillors

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| (Mrs) T. A. Bates | B. Morgan |
| S. A. Bradwick | G. Smith |
| S. J. Jones | L. G. Walker |
| (Mrs) C. Leyshon | E. Webster |
| C. Middle | T. Williams |
| I. Pearce | |

Officers in Attendance

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

Mrs R. Smith – Solicitor

Mrs M.D Williams – Licensing Manager

Mr L. Morgan – Assistant Licensing Manager

27. APOLOGIES

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

28. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no disclosures of personal interests in matters pertaining to the agenda.

29. 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.

30. 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 the 20th January 2015.

REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR, PUBLIC HEALTH & PROTECTION

31. 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, together with ancillary matters arising from the responsibilities charged to the Committee.

Committee was informed that there had been a reduction in the number of Temporary Event Notices which was not unusual for the time of year and one submission for the first new Club Premises Certificate application since the introduction of the Licensing Act 2003.

Details regarding one Review and two Appeals for the period were provided and additional information was presented in relation to the Appeal concerning Robert Lloyd which had taken some time to conclude following a series of legal challenges. The Service Director, Public Health & Protection outlined the changes to the way young people are approaching proxy sales and the efforts made by the Partner Agencies to keep themselves informed of activity and also provided committee with details of how a pro active approach to underage sales by Licensing Officers has been effective in addressing the issue across the County Borough.

Further examples of successful partnership working were reported, particularly in Aberdare town centre in order to tackle issues such as anti social behaviour, proxy sales and generally raising awareness amongst the smaller alcohol retailers in the town. Licensees were also made aware of training available to them by the Licensing Authority. On the subject of training the Service Director reported the successful delivery of several training sessions delivered by the Local Authority in respect of management control to a whole variety of staff employed within different settings across the County Borough. The Officer read aloud some of the positive feedback from the candidates following the training sessions which served to highlight how well received and successful the training had been.

Committee was informed of the high number of premises inspections undertaken within the period which is not only part of the ongoing process to improve the inspection programme itself but serves to improve relations within the Licensing community.

In conclusion the Service Director, Public Health & Protection updated committee on issues relating to Legislative changes with respect to Personal Licences and Deregulation of Entertainment. Details concerning the effect and impact of the changes were provided and in particular how the changes will be implemented and information

relayed to those directly involved. It was advised that further updates in relation to the impact of the de regulation of entertainment would be provided in due course in particular whether there has been an increase in the number of complaints regarding noise.

Details were provided in respect of the trade profile, enforcement and recovery of annual fees in respect of the Gambling Act 2005 and 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;

32. 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

33. 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 6th October 2015 to the 4th January 2015 in respect of Personal Licences and Premises Licences and it was **RESOLVED** to note the report.

**A. FOX
CHAIRMAN**

The meeting terminated at 4.40pm