

ORHONDDA 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, 19th January 2016 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 | S. Powderhill |
| (Mrs) J. Cass | G. Smith |
| (Mrs) S. J. Jones | L. Walker |
| (Mrs) C. Leyshon | E. Webster |
| I. Pearce | T. Williams |

Officers in Attendance

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

Mr A. Mallin – Community Safety & Licensing Manager

Mrs R. Smith –Solicitor

Mr L. Morgan – Assistant Licensing Manager

15. APOLOGY

An apology of absence was received from County Borough Councillors (Mrs) M. Tegg and C.J.Middle.

16. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

17. 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.

18. 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 October 2015.

REPORT OF THE SERVICE DIRECTOR, PUBLIC HEALTH & PROTECTION

19. 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.

The high number of TEN's for the period was attributed to the additional seasonal events held at this time. Updates were provided in respect of the one contested application, two reviews and three appeals with outcomes attributed to each one for information.

The Service Director, Public Health & Protection provided information in respect of the team's compliance and enforcement activity for the period including the number of test purchases undertaken, premises inspections and infringements and details of those annual fees which have been successfully recovered.

The Service Director, Public Health & Protection advised Committee that the Gambling Licensing Policy Review 2016-2018, which had been commended for re adoption by this Committee on the 20th October 2015, had been formally approved by both Full Council on the 25th November 2015 and Cabinet on the 24th November 2015. Committee noted that the revised policy would be adopted for implementation in January 2016.

There followed a series of questions posed by members of the Committee in respect of the process of recovering annual fees and of the premises inspections and infringements which were duly answered by the Service Director Public Health & Protection.

Following consideration of the report it was **RESOLVED**:-

- I. To note the contents of the report in respect of the **Licensing Act 2003** which has been provided for information;
- II. To note the contents of the report in respect of the **Gambling Act 2005** which includes the newly adopted Gambling Policy 2016-2018 which has been provided for information;

20. 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

21. 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 5th October 2015 to 10th December 2015 in respect of Personal Licences and Premises Licences and it was **RESOLVED** to note the report.

**A. FOX
CHAIRMAN**

The meeting terminated at 4.50pm