

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, 12th April 2016 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
(Mrs) J. Cass	G. Smith
(Mrs) S. J. Jones	(Mrs) M. Tegg
(Mrs) C. Leyshon	L. Walker
I. Pearce	T. Williams

Officers in Attendance

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

Mrs R. Smith –Solicitor

Mr L. Morgan – Assistant Licensing Manager

22. APOLOGY

An apology of absence was received from County Borough Councillors C.J.Middle, E. Webster and T. Williams

23. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

24. 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.

25. 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 19th January 2016.

REPORT OF THE SERVICE DIRECTOR, PUBLIC HEALTH & PROTECTION

26. 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.

It was reported that during this period there is a lower than average number of TEN's applications to report which reflects the post Christmas decline in the number of events being held.

The Service Director Public Health & Protection summarised the outcome of two contested applications and two review applications which had been determined since the last period. Details of the one pending appeal were also provided. An update was given in respect of the Licensing team's compliance and enforcement activity for the period including the results of test purchases at four takeaway establishments.

Members of the Committee were advised that the format for reporting advice and guidance offered to the licensing trade had been updated to include the information by locality for ease of reference. The change in format was welcomed by Members of the Committee.

The current position with regard to the recovery of annual fees under the Licensing Act 2003 was reported before the Service Director Public Health & Protection referred to issues under the Gambling Act 2005.

Further to questions posed by Committee and the responses received from the Service Director Public Health & Protection 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 has been provided for information;

27. 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

28. 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 21st December 2015 to 20th March 2016 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