

Subject to approval at the next appropriate meeting of the Licensing Committee (Sitting in its role under the Licensing Act 2003)

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, 25th July 2017 at 4:30p.m.

PRESENT

County Borough Councillor A. Fox – in the Chair

County Borough Councillors

M. Diamond	S. Morgans
L. Jones	E. Webster
W. Lewis	D. Williams

Officers in Attendance

Mr P.J. Mee – Service Director, Public Health & Protection
Mr P Nicholls – Head of Legal – Litigation, Planning & Environment,
Community & Children's Services
Mr G. Black – Community Safety & Licensing Manager
Mr L. Morgan – Assistant Licensing Manager

1. INTRODUCTIONS

The Assistant Licensing Manager introduced members of his Licensing team to the Licensing Committee.

2. APOLOGY

An apology of absence was received from County Borough Councillors S. A. Bradwick, A. Cox, S. Powderhill and T. Williams.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

4. 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.

5. 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 17th January 2017.

REPORT OF THE SERVICE DIRECTOR, PUBLIC HEALTH & PROTECTION

6. 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 the higher number of Temporary Events Notices (TEN's), attached at Appendix 1A, reflects not only the longer reporting period, from 26th December 2016 to the 9th July 2017 but also the increase in the number of events held to celebrate the British Lions Tour and the number of applications made by Private members clubs for parties and charitable events.

The Service Director, Public Health & Protection reported the outcome of the four contested applications which had been determined since the last Committee. Members were pleased to hear that all 25 underage sales tests conducted by Trading Standards had been successfully refused.

Under the heading Complaints, Advice and Guidance, the Service Director Public Health & Protection advised Committee of the complaints and/or requests received from across the County Borough Council, a summary of which was set out for information.

Further updates were provided in respect of Member/Officer training and the Community Alcohol Partnership (CAP) in Porth. Members were referred to the Alcohol/Gambling newsletter, attached at Appendix 1C, which will be issued on a quarterly basis to offer guidance and support to licensed premises on a number of legislative changes and issues relating to compliance with both the Licensing Act 2003 and the Gambling Act 2005.

Under the Gambling Act 2005 the Service Director, Public Health & Protection updated Committee with details of enforcement activity and in conclusion Committee was informed that there is little change to the position of the Gambling Act 2005 due to the static nature of the trade and confirmed that the recovery of annual fees remains at 100%.

Further to questions raised by Committee and the responses received from the relevant officers 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;

7. 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

8. 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 26th December 2016 to the 9th July 2017 in respect of Personal and Premises Licences. Following discussions It was **RESOLVED** to note the report.

**A. FOX
CHAIRMAN**

The meeting terminated at 4.45pm