

**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, 18<sup>th</sup> October 2016 at 4:30p.m.

**PRESENT**

County Borough Councillor A. Fox – in the Chair

**County Borough Councillors**

S. A. Bradwick	G. Smith
(Mrs ) J. Cass	L. G. Walker
(Mrs) S. J. Jones	E. Webster
B. Morgan	C. J. Williams
I. Pearce	

**Officers in Attendance**

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

Mrs R. Smith –Solicitor

Mr G. Black – Community Safety & Licensing Manager

Mr L. Morgan – Assistant Licensing Manager

**9. APOLOGY**

An apology of absence was received from County Borough Councillors J. Bunnage, K. Montague, S. Powderhill, T. Williams and W. D. Weeks

**10. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

**RESOLVED** - In accordance with the Code of Conduct, there were no personal declarations of interest made, pertaining to the agenda.

**11. 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.

**12. 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 13<sup>th</sup> July 2016.

## **REPORT OF THE SERVICE DIRECTOR, PUBLIC HEALTH & PROTECTION**

### **13. 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 Temporary Events Notices (TEN's) attached at Appendix 1A of the report reflect the increase in the number of events held over the summer months. The Service Director, Public Health & Protection reported the outcome of the two contested applications which had been determined since the last Committee and one review which was received in the period.

Committee was provided with an update under the heading Compliance & Enforcement relating to a number of test purchases which were conducted by Trading Standards in respect of underage sales. In addition to this, the outcome of a successful exercise in respect of Challenge 21/25 Age Verification was also reported.

As usual, Committee was provided with details in relation to complaints, advice and guidance for each respective area within Rhondda Cynon Taf, as previously requested by Committee. Following discussion, it was agreed that, where possible, Members would be provided with updates in respect of any issues that occur within their respective areas.

It was announced that funding has been secured from the Community Alcohol Partnership (CAP) in Porth to tackle the issue of underage drinking. An overview of the project was provided; in particular the partnership working between local residents, young people and alcohol outlets in the area and it was confirmed that the launch of the CAP Project would be held on the 15<sup>th</sup> November 2016 at 'The Factory', Porth. The Service Director, Public Health & Protection added that regular updates would be provided to Committee in respect of the Porth CAP Project.

In conclusion, the Service Director Public Health & Protection presented the current position with regard to the recovery of annual fees under the Licensing Act 2003 before presenting issues under the Gambling Act 2005.

Further to questions raised by Committee and the responses received from the Service Director Public Health & Protection and the Community Safety & Licensing Manager 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;

#### **14. 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**

#### **15. 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 27<sup>th</sup> June to the 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2016 in respect of Personal and Premises Licences. Following discussion whereby Committee sought clarification around the detail of the reports it was **RESOLVED:-**

1. To note the report;
2. That future reports under 'Licences & Registrations issued under the Provision of Delegated Powers' are to include reference to the title of the licence applied for.

**A. FOX  
CHAIRMAN**

The meeting terminated at 4.50pm