

RHONDDA CYNON TAF COUNCIL LICENSING ACT 2003

Minutes of the meeting of the Licensing Act 2003 meeting held on Tuesday, 17 April 2018 at 4.30 pm at the Council Chamber, The Pavilions, Cambrian Park. Clydach Vale, Tonypandy, CF40 2XX.

County Borough Councillors - Licensing Act 2003 Members in attendance:-

Councillor A Fox (Chair)

Councillor D Williams
Councillor S Bradwick
Councillor T Williams
Councillor L Jones
Councillor W Lewis
Councillor S Morgans
Councillor A Cox
Councillor P Howe

Officers in attendance:-

Mr P Mee, Director, Public Health, Protection & Community Services
Ms L Davies, Head Of Environmental Health, Trading Standards & Community Safety
Mr P Nicholls, Head Of Legal - Litigation, Planning & Environment, Community & Children's
Services

Mr G Black, Community Safety and Licensing Manager
Mr A Morgan, Licensing Enforcement Officer
Mr M Owen, Assistant Licensing Manager
PC Whittle - South Wales Police

County Borough Councillors in attendance:-

23 APOLOGY FOR ABSENCE

An apology for absence was received from County Borough Councillor S. Powderhill.

24 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

In accordance with the Council's Code of Conduct, there were no declarations made pertaining to the agenda.

25 HUMAN RIGHTS ACT 1997 AND CRIME AND DISORDER ACT

It was **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.

26 MINUTES

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the minutes of the 23rd January, 2018 as an accurate reflection of the meeting.

27 REVIEW OF LICENSING ACT 2003 & GAMBLING ACT 2005

The Director, Public Health, Protection & Community Services provided the Committee with a 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 there had been a decrease in number of Temporary Events Notices (TEN's), which was reflective of the time of year following the busy Christmas period and that a there had been a number of events for the Six Nations Rugby Tournament which wasn't considered to be unusual.

The Director reported the outcome of an appeal which was considered within the period, namely The White Lion, where since the decision of the Licensing Committee, the appellant had demonstrated adherence to conditions imposed upon him and therefore, the appeal was not contested by the Local Authority at court. The Director confirmed that there was one ongoing appeal within the period with regard to Domino's, Treforest. It was confirmed that the outcome would be reported to the next appropriate meeting of the Licensing Committee (sitting in its role under the Licensing Act 2003).

Members also learned that during the period, there had been one review submitted by the Home Office, where Members resolved to revoke their licence.

The Director referred Members to section 4.3 of the report where the premises inspections and infringements were outlined. Members were pleased to learn that, since publication of the report, the current performance rates indicating that 80% of premises inspected were broadly compliant, had risen to 86%.

The Officer provided the Committee with an overview of the work undertaken by the Licensing teams in conjunction with Police Licensing teams across Cynon, Rhondda and Taf areas for the period. He advised the Committee that, following the success of the Porth Community Alcohol Partnership (CAP), the Rhondda Cynon Taf Community Safety Department would launch a Pontypridd CAP in the Muni Arts Centre on the 16th May, 2018.

The Director then referred Members to section 4.8 of the report where the recovery of annual fees was outlined. Members were assured that although figures were high, this was expected due to the time of year.

Further to questions raised by the Committee and the responses received from the relevant officers, it was **RESOLVED:-**

- a) To note the contents of the report in respect of the Licensing Act 2003 and:
- b) To note the contents of the report in respect of the **Gambling Act 2005**.

28 TO CONSIDER PASSING THE UNDER-MENTIONED RESOLUTION:

It was **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 Part 4 of Schedule 12A of the Act.

29 LICENCES AND REGISTRATIONS ISSUED UNDER THE PROVISION OF DELEGATED POWERS FOR THE PERIOD 08.01.18 - 01.04.18

The Director, Public Health, Protection & Community Services provided the Committee with details of licences and registrations issued during the period of the 8th January, 2018 to 1st April, 2018.

Following discussions, it was **RESOLVED** to note the content of the report.

This meeting closed at 4.45 pm

CLLR A FOX CHAIR.