



RHONDDA CYNON TAF COUNCIL LICENSING ACT 2003

Minutes of the meeting of the Licensing Act 2003 held on Tuesday, 3 December 2019 at 4.30 pm at the Council Chamber, The Pavilions, Cambrian Park, Clydach Vale, Tonypany, CF40 2XX.

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

Councillor A Fox (Chair)

Councillor D Williams	Councillor S Bradwick
Councillor S Powderhill	Councillor E Webster
Councillor T Williams	Councillor W Lewis
Councillor A Cox	Councillor L Jones

Officers in attendance:-

Ms L Davies, Service Director – Public Protection Services
Mr P Nicholls, Service Director, Legal Services
Ms R Hope, Health Protection and Licensing Service Manager
Mr A Morgan, Licensing Enforcement Officer
Mr M Owen, Assistant Licensing Manager
Mr N Evans, Licensing Enforcement Officer

21 Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from County Borough Councillors P Howe and S Morgans.

22 Declaration of Interest

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

23 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.

24 Minutes

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the minutes of the 10th September 2019 as an accurate reflection of the meeting.

25 Review of the Licensing Act 2003 & Gambling Act 2005

The Service Director, Public Protection provided Committee with a quarterly

review on relevant issues relating to the Licensing Act 2003 and the Gambling Act 2005, together with ancillary matters arising from the responsibilities charged to the Committee.

The Service Director, Public Protection advised Committee that the new Statement of Licensing Policy 2020-2025 had been approved by Council at its meeting held on the 27th November 2019 with a view to the new statement taking effect from the 7th January 2020.

It was reported that there had been a high number of Temporary Events Notices (TEN's) for the period, due to events such as the Rugby World Cup, Halloween and Bonfire Night taking place during this time.

There were no contested applications to report but one Appeal had been determined since the last meeting. Members were advised that following the Appeal there had been a reduced suspension from three months to two weeks for Chicken and Kebab Land, Pontypridd. Members were referred to section 4.3 of the report which outlined the results of premises inspections and infringements. Current performance levels for inspected premises remains at 91% which is consistent with previous results.

The Service Director reported that the Pontypridd pub watch had been awarded 2nd place in the annual national pub watch awards in recognition of its work safeguarding vulnerable people and its close working relationship with the Business Improvement District (BID). Furthermore, it was confirmed that the Treforest pub watch, which is an independent group, has been reinstated.

Members were advised of the outcome of an evening exercise undertaken by licensing officers following allegations of underage drinking in the Cynon area. Further information relating to other issues at a premises in Aberdare was also reported, resulting in measures put in place to overcome anti-social behaviour such as additional CCTV and provision for detecting customers carrying knives.

A number of other matters across the County Borough were reported such as ongoing issues of non-compliance within the Tumble area of Pontypridd.

In conclusion, the Service Director updated Committee with matters relating to the Gambling Act 2005.

Following discussion it was **RESOLVED**:-

- (i) To note the contents of the report in respect of the Licensing Act 2003 which had been provided for information;
- (ii) To note the contents of the Gambling Act 2005 which had been provided for information.

26 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.

27 Licences and Registrations issued under the provision of Delegated Powers for the period: 26.08.19 - 27.11.19

The Service Director, Public Protection provided Committee with details of licences and registrations issued during the period 26th August 2019 to the 27th November 2019.

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

This meeting closed at 4.45 pm

**CLLR A FOX
CHAIR.**