

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE LICENSING COMMITTEE HELD IN COMMITTEE ROOM 2/3, CIVIC OFFICES, ANGEL STREET, BRIDGEND ON TUESDAY, 25 MAY 2010 AT 10.00AM

Present:-

Councillor D K Edwards - Chairperson in the Chair

<u>Councillors</u>	<u>Councillors</u>
M W Butcher	D A Unwin
D Buttle	R D L Burns
E M Dodd	M C Wilkins
C E Hughes	R Williams
R D Jenkins	

Officers:

P Gavigan	-	Principal Solicitor
Y Witchell	-	Licensing and Registration Officer
R Morris	-	Senior Licensing Assistant
G P Jones	-	Principal Cabinet and Committee Officer

55 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

An apology for absence was received from Councillor D N W Jones who was on other Council business.

56 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

57 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting of the Licensing Committee held on 17 February 2010, be approved as a true and accurate record

58 LICENSING COMMITTEES AND SUB-COMMITTEES

The Licensing and Registration Officer presented a report which requested that the Licensing Committee form two Sub-Committees of seven members, each to be chaired by either the Chairperson or Vice-Chairperson of the Licensing Committee where possible. These Sub-Committees designated as Sub-Committees A and B would sit to consider taxi licensing and street trading applications and Gambling Act matters.

A further Sub-Committee would be formed when needed to deal with applications under the Licensing Act 2003. This would comprise no more than three members of the Licensing Committee and where possible would be chaired by the Chairperson or Vice-Chairperson of the Licensing Committee. The remaining Members would be selected on a rota basis preferably from either the A or B Sub-Committees to simplify the minute approval process but it can be a mix of A or B if there is difficulty in gathering a sub-committee.

Members were provided with a suggestion for the membership of each of the Sub-Committees based on a geographical spread. Members queried if it was of greater benefit to have the local Members in attendance at meetings where their local knowledge would assist the licensing process. The Legal Officer informed Members

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that applications were considered against Licensing Objectives and the use of historical local information would not be appropriate.

The new Members to the Licensing Committees queried the availability of training. The Licensing and Registration Officer informed the meeting that dates for a training session would be circulated at the earliest opportunity. This session would act as an induction for new Members and refresher training for the more experienced members.

RESOLVED: That the Licensing Committee:-

- (1) Approved the formation of two Licensing Sub-Committees each comprising seven Members sitting on a rota basis;
- (2) Received the following nominations and appointed Members to Licensing Sub-Committees A and B respectively

Sub-Committee A

Councillor D K Edwards
Councillor R D L Burns
Councillor M Butcher
Councillor E Dodd
Councillor Jenkins
Councillor C Westwood
Councillor M Wilkins

Sub-Committee B

Councillor C J James
Councillor D Buttle
Councillor C E Hughes
Councillor D N W Jones
Councillor B I Quennell
Councillor D Unwin
Councillor R Williams

- (3) That where possible the meetings of the Licensing Sub-Committee should be chaired by the Chairperson or Vice Chairperson of the Licensing Committee.
- (4) Approved the formation of a further Sub-Committee consisting of three Committee Members sitting on a rota basis and chaired by the Chairperson or Vice Chairperson of the Licensing Committee where possible.

The meeting closed at 10.15am.