

MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, CIVIC OFFICES, ANGEL STREET, BRIDGEND ON WEDNESDAY, 25 JUNE 2014 AT 10.00AM

Present:

Councillor D R W Lewis - Chairperson

Councillors

G W Davies MBE  
E Dodd

Officers:-

Y Witchell - Licensing and Registration Officer  
R Morris - Senior Licensing Assistant  
K Daw - Legal Officer  
M A Galvin - Senior Democratic Services Officer - Committees

Statutory Bodies:

PC Rowlatt - South Wales Police  
H Williams - Senior Environmental Health Officer

Invitees:

R Owens - Premises Licence Holder, Clwb Calon Lan, Blaengarw  
E Evans - Bar Person

391 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None.

392 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

393 LICENSING ACT 2003: SECTION 51  
APPLICATION FOR REVIEW OF PREMISES LICENCE  
CLWB CALON LAN, CHURCH STREET, BLAENGARW, BRIDGEND

The Licensing and Registration Officer presented a report in respect of the above application, made by the Chief Officer of Police in relation to Clwb Calon Lan, Blaengarw.

She referred Members to the documentation that supported the report, i.e. the application form (including background documents) from the Police. together with a confidential section of report containing information regarding further incidents that had occurred at the premises relating to crime and disorder and anti-social behaviour. The grounds for review were based on an abject failure by the Premises Licence Holder to adhere to and promote the four Licensing Objectives whilst operating the premises under the Premises Licence.

Also attached to the report at Appendix B, in the support of the application for review, were representations made by the Authorities Public Protection Department.

The Licensing and Registration Officer confirmed that she was aware that discussions had taken place in advance of the meeting, between the representative of the Police and the Premises Licence Holder, and asked what the outcome was of this.

PC Rowlatt advised the Sub-Committee that in advance of the meeting, and since the agenda and reports had been distributed, further information in the form of evidence had been received as part of a witness testimony, and that due to this, negotiations had since commenced between the Police and the person(s) who had submitted this further information. The evidence related to issues of crime and disorder, and Mr Owens the Premises Licence Holder had also agreed to a request that the Police were going to make which was to adjourn the meeting to a later date, i.e. sometime in August, to have further discussions with both Mr Owens and the person(s) who came forward with the witness testimony.

Also, a further Statement of Evidence over and above that referred to above had been received advised PC Rowlatt and this was also presently being examined by the Police.

PC Rowlatt therefore asked the Sub-Committee if the meeting could be adjourned in order to further consider the above pieces of evidence and carry out further discussions with both the individuals who had presented this evidence and the Premises Licence Holder.

The Chairperson asked the Premises Licence Holder and the Senior Environmental Officer from the Public Protection Department, if they were in agreement with this recommendation for adjournment, and both confirmed in turn, that they offered no objection to this.

Members then retired to consider the request further, and upon their return, it was

RESOLVED: That the Sub-Committee agreed to adjourn the meeting, in order for all parties to consider the further evidence referred to by the Police, and that this be shared with all such parties as soon as possible. Members added that they would be very reluctant to adjourn the meeting again, and that the meeting should be reconvened at the earliest possible date in August.

The meeting closed at 2.45pm.