
CENTRAL LICENSING COMMITTEE, 25.06.12

Present: Councillor W.Tudor Owen (Chairman)

Councillors: Eddie Dogan, Annwen Hughes, John Brynmor Hughes, Llywarch Bowen Jones, Eryl Jones-Williams, Angela Russell, Elfed W. Williams, Gethin G. Williams, Gruffydd Williams

Also Present: Siôn Huws (Propriety Officer), Gwenan M. Williams (Licensing Manager), Geraint B. Edwards (Solicitor) and Gwyn Parry Williams (Members Support and Scrutiny Officer).

Apologies: Councillors Huw Edwards, Peter Read, Ann Williams

1. CHAIRMAN

RESOLVED to elect Councillor W. Tudor Owen as Chairman of the Committee for 2012/13.

2. VICE-CHAIRMAN

RESOLVED to elect Councillor Peter Read as Vice-chairman of the Committee for 2012/13.

3. DECLARATION OF PERSONAL INTEREST

Councillor John Brynmor Hughes noted that he was a licensee and Councillor Llywarch Bowen Jones ran a club. As there were no relevant matters involving applications under the Licensing Act to be considered, they did not need to declare a personal interest.

4. URGENT ITEMS

The Propriety Officer referred to changes to the Council's Constitution following the May election. He noted that now there were two Licensing Committees. The Central Licensing Committee had been in existence since 2003 and it considered applications under the Licensing Act 2003 to sell alcohol and hold public entertainment along with issues relating to the Gambling Act. Legally, this committee could only consider these matters. Issues relating to taxis would be discussed by the General Licensing Committee but the same membership would exist for both committees. As there was a report dealing with the appointment of garages to undertake taxi vehicle tests on the agenda of today's committee, it was suggested that the meeting of the Central Licensing Committee should end following the item on the minutes of the Licensing Sub-committees and then reconvene as the General Licensing Committee to consider the report regarding taxis.

5. MINUTES

The Chairman signed the minutes of the previous meeting of this committee held on 5 March 2012 as a true record.

6. MINUTES OF THE CENTRAL LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEES

Submitted, for information, the minutes of the following meetings of the Central Licensing Sub-committee:-

- a) 14 and 21 March 2012
- b) 23 April 2012

Matter Arising – Central Licensing Sub-committee, 14 March 2012
Application to Renew Premises Licence – Plas Gwynfryn, Llanbedr

The solicitor informed the committee that the decision of the sub-committee on the above application had been to approve the application to review, but not to allow the playing of amplified music in the marquee which meant the removal of the element in the licence involving playing live and recorded music outside. The licence holder had appealed against the decision and the appeal would be heard by the Magistrates' Court at the end of August 2012.

Chairing Licensing Sub-committees

The Propriety Officer referred to the fact that the Chairman and Vice-chairman of the Licensing Committee, along with one other member of the committee, used to chair these Sub-committees on a rota basis and it was suggested that as Councillor Eryl Jones-Williams already had experience of chairing these sub-committees, that he should be included as a third member to that end.

RESOLVED to accept the information and that Councillor Eryl Jones-Williams is to be included as a third member to chair the Licensing Sub-committees.

The meeting commenced at 10:00am. and concluded at 10.25am.