
CENTRAL LICENSING COMMITTEE 15/03/21

Attendance:

Councillors: Steve Collings, Annwen Hughes, Edgar Owen, Elfed Williams, Gareth Morris Jones, Elin W Jones, Eryl Jones-Williams, Angela Russell, Gareth Williams and Roy Owen

Officers:

Geraint Brython Edwards (Solicitor), Gareth Jones (Assistant Head - Environment), Gwenan Mai Roberts (Licensing Manager) and Lowri Haf Evans (Democratic Services Officer)

1. ELECT CHAIR

To re-elect Councillor Elfed Williams as Chair for 2020 /21

2. ELECT VICE CHAIR

3. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Councillor John Brynmor Hughes and Councillor Dafydd Owen

4. DECLARATION OF PERSONAL INTEREST

No declarations of personal interest were received from any members present.

5. URGENT ITEMS

None to note

6. MINUTES

The Chair signed the minutes of a meeting of this committee that took place on 19 December 2019, as a true record.

7. LICENSING SUB COMMITTEE MINUTES

Accepted, for information, the minutes of the Sub-committees held on
26-01-21, 05-01-21, 26-11-20, 09-03-20, 18-12-19, 05-11-19 and 20-09-19

8. THE IMPACT OF THE COVID 19 CRISIS ON LICENSING SERVICES

Submitted - the Licensing Manager's report outlining the work of the Licensing

Unit, detailing how the unit had responded to the Covid-19 crisis by adapting and prioritising its responsibilities in order to contribute to the effort to manage the spread of the infection alongside the continuation of 'normal' services.

Attention was drawn to the impact of the crisis on the licensing services and to the challenging time ahead for the service as we emerge from lockdown. It was added that it would be necessary to review policy documents over the coming year, starting with the Licensing Policy Statement under the Licensing Act 2003. Once changes had been made to the (draft) Policy across North Wales, the intention was to submit the new draft Policy to the Committee, prior to the public consultation in the summer.

In response to a question regarding the 'minor changes' (para 4.6) that were needed in the draft Policy, it was expressed that these were 'small changes that would reflect current legislation and figures, with the substantial work of amending the Policy having already been implemented.

The Licensing Unit Officers were praised for their work and support during the time of the crisis.

**TO ACCEPT THE INFORMATION
TO THANK THE LICENCING UNIT FOR THEIR HARD WORK DURING THE COVID
19 CRISIS**

The meeting commenced at 10.50 am and concluded at 11.10 am

CHAIRMAN