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## CENTRAL LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE, 21.01.08

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**Present:** Councillors J.R.Jones (Chairman); Tudor Owen and W.A.Evans

**Also present:** Sion Huws (Propriety Officer), Amlyn ab Iorwerth (Licensing Manager), and Barbara Owen (Committee Officer).

**Others invited to the meeting:**

**Representing the Police:** Mr Ian Williams (Police Licensing Co-ordinator); Constable Andy Vowell

**For the item pertaining to the Wakestock Festival only:** Mark Durston (Designated Supervisor of the Premises); Kelly Roberts, member of the Wakestock team of organisers.

**Apology:** Sergeant Dewi Jones, the author of the three applications, who could not be present.

### 1. APPLICATION FOR LICENCE REVIEW - WAKESTOCK, PENRHOS, PWLLHELI

Submitted – the report of the Licensing Manager on the police's application to review the licence of the Wakestock site, Penrhos, Pwllheli, requesting additional conditions to be included on the licence on the grounds of Public Safety. He reported that a letter was received from a local resident, submitting observations on the situation regarding floods on the site and also in respect of public safety on the road leading to the site.

In supporting his observations, the police officer reported on the background to the application. Following holding the event in July 2007, it had become apparent that a number of matters caused concern, such as:

- a) Adequate provision of Security
- b) Adequate provision of free bus service
- c) Event venue to be fully prepared
- d) Adequate fencing to be provided

The main problem was caused as a result of heavy rain and floods, and the festival had to be cut short after faults were discovered pertaining to public safety. Consequently, the police recommended a number of additional conditions on the Wakestock licence, which were as follows:-

- i) That the licensee or a representative must attend all meetings arranged by the Gwynedd Events Safety Advisory Group involving the planning of the Wakestock event.
- ii) That the licensee must fully consult with the Gwynedd Events Safety Advisory Group and comply with all the conditions agreed between the licensee and the Group.
- iii) That at least three months notice be given to the police, Gwynedd Events Safety Advisory Group and Gwynedd Council of all major outdoor events.
- iv) That site structures, all safety fencing, camping areas, signage and car parks be fully operational for all agencies to inspect 48 hours before it is open to the public, together with details of Security Personnel.
- v) That sufficient security personnel to be on site 24 hours prior to the site being open to the public.

It was reported that the licensee had agreed to these conditions, and it was reported that the conditions would be a means of solving the problems that became apparent last year. The

police were very satisfied with the way a number of agencies, such as the different relevant departments of the Council, the Fire Service, the Police, the Health Authority etc. were actively preparing for the festival, by meeting regularly to discuss the arrangements. It was added that the licensee co-operated fully with these agencies in order to ensure public safety during the festival.

In response to questions by members, the following observations were presented:-

- The construction work on the site commenced one week prior to the event
- A safety fence was erected surrounding the site from the outset, and security officers would be on-duty at all times
- A national security company that would be familiar with arranging major events would be employed
- There would be approximately 150 security officers on-duty during the festival, along with agencies such as the Police, the Fire Service and the Health Authority
- There would be close supervision of the entrance in order to prohibit access for drunken persons and nobody would be allowed to carry alcohol into the site.

The following procedure was followed in considering the application:-

- i. the applicant (the Police) was given an opportunity to present the application;
- ii. members of the Sub-committee were given an opportunity to ask questions of the applicant;
- iii. members of the Sub-committee were given an opportunity to discuss the application with the consultee;
- iv. members of the Police were given an opportunity to summarise the case.

**RESOLVED to add the following conditions to the Wakestock licence:-**

- i) That the licensee or a representative must attend all meetings arranged by the Gwynedd Events Safety Advisory Group involving the planning of the Wakestock event.**
- ii) That the licensee must fully consult with the Gwynedd Events Safety Advisory Group and comply with all conditions agreed between the licensee and the Gwynedd Safety Advisory Group.**
- iii) That at least three months notice be given to the Police, Gwynedd Events Safety Advisory Group and Gwynedd Council for all major outdoor Events.**
- iv) That site structures, all safety fencing, camping areas, signage and car parks to be fully operational for all agencies to inspect 48 hours before it is open to the public, together with details of Security Personnel.**
- v) That sufficient Security Personnel be on site 24 hours prior to the site being open to the public.**

The Propriety Officer reported that a letter would be sent within seven days, confirming the decision of the Sub-committee and everyone was informed of the right to appeal against the decision of the Sub-committee, and the process of doing so.

## **2. APPLICATION FOR LICENCE REVIEW - Tŷ NEWYDD, SARN MELLTEYRN**

Submitted – the report of the Licensing Manager on the application of the police to review the premises licence of Tŷ Newydd, Sarn Mellteyrn, Pwllheli asking for additional conditions to be included on the licence on the grounds of Public Safety. The Officer reported that a letter was received from the Fire Service stating that the site did not fall under the Service's 'high risk' category and that the review did not refer to fire safety, therefore, no further inspection of the site would be undertaken. Reference was also made to a statement received from the

Designated Premises Supervisor, submitting observations on the Police's report on events in the public house in 2007.

In supporting the observations of the Police, the Licensing Co-ordinator reported on the background of the application, and referred to the Action Plan agreed with the Site Supervisor in January 2007 as a result of the concerns of the Police pertaining to the management of the premises. No improvement was seen in July 2007 and Police officer had to visit the site and arrest a customer for fighting with the Supervisor, and it was seen that the appropriate officers were not on-duty on the door.

The following procedure was followed in considering the application:-

- i. the applicant (the Police) was given an opportunity to present the application;
- ii. members of the Sub-committee were given an opportunity to ask questions of the applicant;
- iii. members of the Police were given an opportunity to summarise the case.

As a result of the events noted, the Police recommended that what was noted in the Action Plan was now set as conditions on the licence of Tŷ Newydd.

**RESOLVED to add the following conditions to the licence of Tŷ Newydd, Sarn Mellteyrn, Pwllheli:**

- i) **That a minimum of two SIA approved doorstaff are employed at the premises when regulated entertainment is held. This will then allow the DPS to have an overview and manage the premises effectively and efficiently.**
- ii) **That doorstaff are to supervise the entry and exit of all persons into the premises when regulated entertainment is held. No open vessels, glasses or bottles to be taken from the premises.**
- iii) **That the DPS will actively operate a proof of age scheme and challenge any suspected underage drinking within the premises.**
- iv) **CCTV installation within the premises to be fully functional and tapes to be kept for a period of 31 days.**
- v) **That the DPS is to take active participation in the Pwllheli & Pen Llŷn Pubwatch scheme and report all incidents of disorder to the Police.**
- vi) **That the DPS is to ensure that drunken persons are not to be served with alcohol on the premises. Entry to drunken persons is to be refused.**
- vii) **That the Police are informed 14 days in advance of any live entertainment event that is to take place in the premises.**

Everyone was informed of the right to appeal against the decision of the Sub-committee and the process for doing so.

### **3. APPLICATION FOR LICENCE REVIEW - Tŷ NEWYDD, ABERDARON**

Submitted – the report of the Licensing Manager outlining the police's application to review the premises licence of Tŷ Newydd, Aberdaron, requesting to vary the hours of the existing licence. The application came as a result of complaints received from two local residents about the noise and anti-social behaviour when customers left the two public houses in the village late at night.

The Officer reported that two letters were received from the owner of the premises in response to the observations of the Police, along with letters from two local residents in objection to

closing the public house earlier as they believed that this would add to the problem of people gathering in the centre of the village.

The following procedure was followed in considering the application-:

- i. the applicant (the Police) was given an opportunity to present the application;
- ii. members of the Sub-committee were given an opportunity to ask questions of the applicant;
- iii. members of the Police were given an opportunity to summarise the case.

In supporting the observations submitted in the application, the police officer reported that there was reason to believe that customers gained access to the premises later than 23:00 as noted on the licence, and that there was evidence that the number of cases of anti-social behaviour in the village of Aberdaron was very high, and that that was associated with the customers of the two public houses in the village. Information was obtained that the Police had arranged to meet with the licensee of both public houses on a monthly basis. It was further reported that a police officer had met with the owner of Tŷ Newydd and had come to an agreement relating to the hours permitted for licensed events up to midnight, with the premises to close to the public at 00:30 hours daily. It was noted that the agreement was also accepted by the two members of the public who had made statements to accompany the application.

In response to a question from a member, it was noted that both public houses in the village would follow this agreement.

**RESOLVED to add the following conditions to the existing licence of Tŷ Newydd, Aberdaron:**

- i. **To allow licensed activities from 10:00 hours to 24:00 hours, Friday and Saturday**
- ii. **To allow the premises to be open from 10:00 hours to 00:30 hours Friday and Saturday**
- iii. **No drink containers to be carried outside the premises.**

Everyone was informed of the right to appeal against the decision of the Sub-committee, and the process for doing so.

The meeting commenced at 2.30pm and concluded at 3.30pm