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## CENTRAL LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE, 20.06.08

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**Present:** Councillors Ieuan Roberts (Chairman); Louise Hughes and W. Gareth Roberts

**Also present:** Gareth W Jones (Senior Legal and Administrative Manager), Amlyn ab Iorwerth (Licensing Manager) and Barbara Owen (Committee Officer).

**Others invited to the Committee:**

**Applicant:** Mr Mark Durston (Wakestock Festival Manager); Ms Kelly Roberts (Wakestock Festival Co-ordinator)

**Apologies:** Councillor W. Penri Jones (Local Member) and Councillor Gwilym Williams

**1. APPLICATION TO VARY THE LICENCE FOR THE WAKESTOCK FESTIVAL, PENRHOS, PWLLHELI**

At the start of the Committee, the Senior Legal and Administrative Manager explained that one member of the Sub-committee had not arrived and he asked the applicant whether he was happy for the application to be considered with two members only in attendance. The applicant agreed to this, however, the member arrived (and apologised for being late) a short time after the meeting started, therefore there was a full Sub-committee present to discuss the matter.

Submitted – the report of the Licensing Manager, providing details of the application received from Mr Mark Durston, Wakestock Festival organiser, to vary the existing licence to include an additional day of activities on the Thursday, along with amending minor inconsistencies in the original licence relating to the times. He explained that the original licence noted that the supply of alcohol would finish at the same time as when the festival site would close to the public and that this was not practicably possible.

The following procedure was followed when the application was considered:-

The members of the Sub-committee were given an opportunity to ask questions of the Council's representative.

The applicant was given an opportunity to ask questions of the Council's representative.

The applicant was given an opportunity to expand upon his application.

The members of the Sub-committee were invited to ask questions of the applicant.

The Council's representative and the applicant were given an opportunity to summarise their case.

When the applicant expanded upon his application, he noted that the main purpose of the application was to serve those who arrived on site prior to the start of the Festival and that it was not intended to extend the Festival fully into an additional day. Also, the addition to the licence would be a means to prevent the campers from wandering to the nearby villages in search of food and drink and it would also be a means of feeding workers on the site after the activities would end for the night.

In response to members' questions, the applicant noted:

- That he anticipated that the food and drink provision would finish at 03.30, however, the application to obtain a licence until 05.00 had been made in order to avoid having to submit another application should the need arise.
- The Festival arrangements conformed to the noise level guidelines of the Environmental Health Section.
- The Festival arrangements conformed to conditions agreed with the Gwynedd Events Safety Advisory Group.
- Registered staff on the gates would ensure that persons under 16 years of age would not be admitted to the site. I.D. cards would be requested should there be any doubt that a person was under 16.

Specific consideration was given to the four principles of the Act when the application was discussed, namely:

- Crime and Disorder Prevention
- Public Safety
- Public Nuisance Prevention
- Protection of Children from Harm

and the following observations were made:-

- Members expressed concern regarding extending the licence to an additional day and possibly extending the entire activity, with the festival-goers arriving on the Wednesday.
- The information that the Police would be on duty throughout the Festival was welcomed.
- The possibility of reducing the supply of alcohol hours was discussed, however, it was confirmed that it would not be possible to reduce the original licence without the agreement of the licence holder, namely the applicant.
- One member expressed his discontent to approve the application because the Festival had already been successful in extending the original arrangement to an additional day.
- It was suggested to approve the supply of alcohol and food, however, not to approve the playing of music, as that was what mainly caused public nuisance to residents living within a vast area surrounding the Festival site.

**RESOLVED to approve the application to vary the licence for the Wakestock Festival subject to the following conditions:-**

- a) To approve dramas, films, live and recorded music, dance performances and facilities for dancing (namely categories A, B, E, F, G and J of the application) - Friday to Saturday from 13.00 to 01.00; Sunday from 13.00 to 23.30;**
- b) To supply hot food - Thursday to Sunday from 23.00 to 03.30**
- c) To supply alcohol - Thursday from 13.00 to 00.00; Friday and Saturday from 11.00 to 01.30; Sunday from 11.00 to 00.00;**
- d) To be open to the public - Thursday from 08.00 to 01.00; Friday and Saturday from 11.00 to 02.30; Sunday from 11.00 to 01.00.**

**Resolved to refuse the application to add activities on the Thursday under paragraphs A,B,E,F,G and J.**

The Senior Legal and Administrative Manager reported that a letter would be distributed confirming the Sub-committee's decision, along with the right to appeal within three weeks of the date of that letter.

The meeting commenced at 10.30am and concluded at 12.05.