
CENTRAL LICENSING COMMITTEE, 08.12.14

Present: Councillor Eryl Jones-Williams (Chairman)

Councillors, Annwen Hughes, Llywarch Bowen Jones, Dilwyn Lloyd, W.Tudor Owen, Peter Read, Angela Russell, Ann Williams, Elfed W Williams

Also in attendance: Siôn Huws (Senior Solicitor), Gwenan Mai Williams (Public Protection Manager (Health and Safety and Licensing)), Sheryl Le Bon Jones (Licensing Manager) and Lowri Haf Evans (Member Support and Scrutiny Officer)

1. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

The Chairman, Councillor Eryl Jones Williams, welcomed everyone to the Committee. Apologies were received from Councillors Huw Edwards and Louise Hughes. It was noted that Councillor Huw Edwards was very ill and that the Committee members sent him their best wishes.

2. DECLARATION OF PERSONAL INTEREST

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

3. URGENT ITEMS

Closed Circuit Television (CCTV)

An incident in Barmouth was referred to where the Police had reported to Councillors Eryl Jones Williams and Annwen Hughes that the CCTV was not working or had been turned off at some sites. The Public Protection Manager (Health and Safety Licensing) reported that she had discussed the matter with Mr Ian Williams from the Police and it had appeared that there were problems with faulty equipment or that staff were unaware of how to download / collect information.

The CCTV conditions that had been included on a number of licensing applications were referred to. The need to monitor and penalise if the condition was not implemented had to be considered. It was explained that the condition's wording had to be comprehensive in order to penalise.

The members were reminded that if a condition was breached, the Councillors or the Police also had the right to apply for a review of the licence.

RESOLVED to include the matter as an item on the next Committee (9.3.15) and to invite Mr Ian Williams from the Police to attend as it is the Police that normally impose CCTV conditions.

4. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The Chairman signed the minutes of the previous meeting of this committee held on 15 September 2014 as a true record subject to;

- i. Correcting the Chairman's name - Eryl Jones Williams, not Eryl Lloyd Williams, in item 1. Welcome and Apologies.

5. MINUTES OF THE CENTRAL LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEES

Submitted - for information, the minutes of the Central Licensing Sub-committee meetings held on 03.09.2014 and 25.9.2014.

The Solicitor was asked if a member had the right to represent an applicant in a hearing if that member had a personal interest. If the member had a personal interest, should they be a member of the Licensing Committee?

In response, it was noted that it was the political parties' responsibility to appoint an individual to a committee – the seat was offered to the group.

The meeting commenced at 10.40a.m and concluded at 10.55am