

<b>MEETING</b>	<b>The Council</b>
<b>DATE</b>	<b>15<sup>th</sup> December 2011</b>
<b>TITLE</b>	<b>DESIGNATED PUBLIC PLACES ORDER RELATING TO THE CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOL IN BETHESDA, GERLAN AND PARC MEURIG.</b>
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### **1. Aim of Report:**

The aim of this report is to present a recommendation to make an order for a Designated Public Place Order in Bethesda, Gerlan and Parc Meurig. Evidence has been obtained from North Wales Police and from local people who work and live in the area.

### **2. Background:**

CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND POLICE ACT 2001 – ALCOHOL CONSUMPTION IN PUBLIC PLACES.

On the 1<sup>st</sup> of September 2001, sections 12-16 of the Criminal Justice and Police Act came into force. This provides local authorities with an adoptive power to restrict anti-social public drinking in designated public places and provides the police with the power to enforce this restriction.

This power is to be used explicitly for addressing nuisance or annoyance associated with the consumption of alcohol in a public place. An offence is committed if the individual refuses to comply with a constable's request to refrain from drinking. Making such an order is a matter for the County Council.

The proposed area, as outlined on the attached map, has been drawn up following partnership discussions, this has been supported by evidence produced by North Wales Police. This is the area subject to the consultation.

The process that has been undertaken in order to present this recommendation, includes public and professional consultation. Direct consultation has taken place with members of the public in the Bethesda area, licensees in the affected area, Bethesda Community Council, Llandegai Community Council, North Wales Police and other Community Safety Partners.

Statutory consultation has taken place, by means of a statutory notice of intention, to which there were no responses.

### **3. Objective:**

The objective of the Order is to reduce the number of alcohol related incidents within the designated area.

The Community Safety Team have received evidence of crime and disorder within the area from North Wales Police, it is believed that this disorder is alcohol related,

North Wales Police believe that the order will be beneficial in their attempts to reduce alcohol related crime, disorder and anti-social behaviour.

#### **4. Evidence available:**

Between 01/01/2009 and 09/08/11, 110 alcohol related incidents were reported in Bethesda and Parc Meurig, ranging from drunk and disorderly, public order, including fighting in public areas and criminal damage.

Another report provided by North Wales Police show 52 incidents of alcohol confiscation between 24/01/2009 and 04/09/2009. North Wales Police state that information regarding alcohol confiscation is no longer stored within their database, (post September 2009) however North Wales Police confirm that they continue to seize alcohol from underage youths in Bethesda.

Anecdotal evidence from the other areas with similar orders in place (Bangor, Caernarfon and Porthmadog) suggests there is a reduction in alcohol related crime and disorder, when such orders are in place.

#### **5. Geographical Spread:**

The most common location for alcohol related incidents were on the High Street, with 73 incidents. The Police have indicated that some incidents spill over into adjacent streets, as outlined on the map.

#### **6. Local perspective:**

Bethesda Community Council and Llandegai Community Council have indicated their support for the order. A public consultation was also arranged in the area. Concerns raised included, the drinking of alcohol on the streets of Bethesda, Gerlan and in Parc Meurig that:

- i) Leads to Anti-Social Behaviour
- ii) Destroys the natural beauty of Parc Meurig
- iii) Creates an unwelcoming image in the area
- iv) Leads to a general deterioration in the safety of the public (broken glass and threatening behaviour)

There have been no objections to the proposal stemming from the consultation.

#### **7. Conclusions:**

It is therefore recommended that the Order be made in the areas of Bethesda, Gerlan and Parc Meurig listed below and shown on the attached plan.

Dol Dafydd Rugby Field, part of the Pont Sarnau public footpath (from Lon Sarnau up to Pont Sarnau Bridge), Lon Sarnau, the Rugby Club and Hen Orsaf area, and Ffordd Station. It will then cover the High Street from the entrance of Station Road up to Austin Taylor Factory, which will also include Glanrafon, Cae Star, John Street, and Parc Meurig. Ysgol Dyffryn Ogwen School have also requested for the DPPO to cover their grounds along with Plas Ffrancon's request to cover theirs. It will also cover Coetmor Mount, Canolfan Cefnfaes, Bryntirion, Bethesda Library and Rhes Mostyn. From the middle of the High street it will then continue to cover Ffordd Pen Y Bryn (up to the roundabout), Pant Glas Road, Eglwys Glanogwen Church, Capel Jerusalem Chapel, Adwy'r Nant, Maes Garenedd, Garneddwen Road, Glanogwen, Llawr Y Nant, Abercaseg, Bryn Caseg and Ffordd Abercaseg. In Gerlan it will cover Gerlan New Road, Ffordd Gerlan, Short Street, Hill Street, Well Street and Goronwy Street.

#### **8. Recommendation:**

That the Council allow the making of a Designated Public Places Order in Bethesda, Gerlan and Parc Meurig.