GENERAL LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE, 31.07.14

Present: Councillor Tudor Owen

Councillors Huw Edwards, Dilwyn Lloyd

Also Present: Geraint Brython Edwards (Solicitor), Gwenan Williams (Licensing Manager), Robert Taylor (Licensing Enforcement Officer) and Lowri Haf Evans (Member Support and Scrutiny Officer).

1. DECLARATION OF PERSONAL INTEREST

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

2. EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

RESOLVED to exclude the press and public from the meeting during the discussion on the following items because of the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraphs 12 and 13, Part 4, Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972. These paragraphs apply because the individuals in question are entitled to privacy and there is no overriding public interest that requires the disclosure of personal information relating to those individuals, nor their identities. Consequently, the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.

3. AN APPLICATION TO SUPPORT A SUSPENSION

The Licensing Manager presented a report to the Sub-committee giving details of the suspension of a trader from Pwllheli Market following a history of incidents and conduct that were contrary to the operational conditions for the Markets of Gwynedd.

Evidence had been submitted to officers of the Licensing Unit on 2 June 2014, and Mr A was suspended on 4 June 2014 on the grounds of conditions 5.9 and 5.11 of the Gwynedd Council Markets Conditions.

The Sub-committee was requested to support the course of action taken by the officers and support the decision to suspend Mr A permanently from the Markets of Pwllheli, Porthmadog and Cricieth Fairs.

Mr A was not present to submit his observations.

The evidence submitted to the Sub-committee was discussed.

THE DECISION OF THE SUB-COMMITTEE TO SUPPORT THE OFFICERS OF THE LICENSING UNIT IN THEIR DECISION TO SUSPEND MR A PERMANENTLY FROM ALL GWYNEDD MARKETS AND FAIRS

The Licensing Unit reported that they would send a letter notifying the applicant of the Sub-committee's decision and would communicate with the Legal Unit regarding Appeal Rights.

The meeting commenced at 10.00am and concluded at 11.00am