
CENTRAL LICENSING COMMITTEE 10-03-25

Attendance:

Chair: Councillor Elfed Williams
Vice-chair: Councillor Gwynfor Owen

Councillors: Annwen Hughes, John Brynmor Hughes, Gareth Tudor Jones, Edgar Owen, Huw Rowlands, Arwyn Herald Roberts, Hefin Underwood and Gareth Williams

Officers: Gareth Jones (Assistant Head of Environment Department), Andrew Parry (Public Protection Manager (Trading Standards), Gwenan Mai Roberts (Licensing Manager), Nia Grisdale (Legal Service Manager) and Lowri Haf Evans (Democracy Services Officer).

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Councillor Anwen Davies, Councillor Alan Jones Evans and Councillor Angela Russell.

Condolences were extended to Councillor Angela Russell following the recent death of her husband.

Councillor Linda Ann Jones, former Member of the Licensing Committees, was thanked for her support to the Licensing Committees and Sub-committees during her time as a Plaid Cymru Member and best wishes were relayed to her.

2. DECLARATION OF PERSONAL INTEREST

None to note

3. URGENT ITEMS

None to note

4. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The Chair signed the minutes of the previous meeting of this committee, held on 11 November 2024, as a true record.

5. MINUTES OF THE CENTRAL LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEES

Submitted and received, for information, the minutes of the General Licensing Sub-committees held on 21 January 2025, 2 December 2024 and 11 November 2024, as true records.

In response to an observation to ensure the voice of the applicant in hearings instead of the voice of their representative, it was noted that Sub-committee members had the right to challenge the representative and ask the applicant to present / give observations on the application.

In response to an observation regarding the input of Community Councils to premises licence applications, it was noted that Community Councils were part of the statutory

consultation period and that they had the opportunity to express an opinion. It was reiterated that Community Council meeting timetables did not always go hand-in-hand with the consultation period, but they had an opportunity to offer observations. Should observations be submitted, a representative from the Community Council will be invited to attend the hearing to present their observations verbally.

Councillor Elfed Williams took the opportunity to thank the Committee Members and the Officers for their support whilst he had been Chair of the Licensing Committees.

The meeting commenced at 10:40am and concluded at 10:50