

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE LICENSING ACT 2003 COMMITTEE HELD AT THE CHAMBER, LLANDRINDOD WELLS ON 3<sup>RD</sup> SEPTEMBER, 2015**

**PRESENT:** County Councillor D.G. Thomas [Chair]

County Councillors K.W. Curry, V.E. Evans, W.J. Evans, P. Harris, D.R. Price, P.J. Medlicott, K.F. Tampin, D.A. Thomas and J.M. Williams.

<b>1.</b>	<b>APOLOGIES</b>	<b>ALC4-2015</b>
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Apologies for absence were received from County Councillors D.R. Jones, G.M. Jones, F. H. Jump and A.G. Thomas.

<b>2.</b>	<b>MINUTES</b>	<b>ALC5- 2015</b>
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The Chair was authorised to sign the Minutes of the meetings held on 9<sup>th</sup> May, 2013, 14<sup>th</sup> May, 2014 and 13<sup>th</sup> May, 2015 as correct records.

<b>3.</b>	<b>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</b>	<b>ALC6- 2015</b>
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There were no declarations of interest.

<b>4.</b>	<b>REVIEW OF LICENSING POLICY FOR POWYS</b>	<b>ALC7-2015</b>
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The Committee received the report on the review of the Licensing Policy. The review took account of the experience over the last 10 years of considering applications and information from other local authorities and responsible authorities. A four week consultation would be undertaken with those organisations as required under the Act. Comments were made that the Chief Fire Officer should be consulted rather than the Fire Authority. It was agreed that Brecon should be included in the list of main towns in the Profile of Powys.

<b>RESOLVED:</b>	<b>Reason for decision:</b>
<b>To consult on a new Licensing Act 2003 Statement of Licensing Policy.</b>	<b>In accordance with the Licensing Act 2003 to prepare and publish a Statement of Licensing Policy to come into effect January 2016.</b>

<b>5.</b>	<b>LICENSING ACT 2003 - TEN YEARS ON</b>	<b>ALC8-2015</b>
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The Committee received the report on the ten years of the Licensing Act. It was noted that the Office for National Statistics now indicates that the highest rate of drinking was in the over 45s. Members questioned whether the consumption of alcohol had reduced over the 10 year period or whether there was a change in the way alcohol was consumed. It was commented that young people may not binge drink at licensed premises but local experience shows that they “pre-load” prior to going out.

<b>RESOLVED:</b>	<b>Reason for decision:</b>
<b>The Committee noted the report.</b>	

<b>6.</b>	<b>DRAFT STATEMENT OF PRINCIPLES, GAMBLING ACT 2005</b>	<b>ALC9-2015</b>
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The Committee received a report on the draft Statement of Principles, Gambling Act 2005 [copy filed with the minutes].

The most recent Gambling Commission guidance has requested that Local Authorities should produce statements which reflect the local area. A four week consultation would be undertaken with those organisations as required under the Act. Comments were made that the Chief Fire Officer should be consulted rather than the Fire Authority. It was agreed that Brecon should be included in the list of main towns in the Profile of Powys. Comment was made on the poor response at the last consultation and that at this consultation named people should be sent the consultation and be asked to respond even if this was “no comments”. In response to a question regarding the protection of vulnerable adults from using betting machines excessively the Senior Licensing Officer advised that the Gambling Commission and Government were due to publish new guidelines to protect such individuals. However, the onus was on the operators, but it was noted that they made most money from such machine betting.

<b>RESOLVED:</b>	<b>Reason for decision:</b>
<b>To consult on a new Gambling Act 2003 Policy.</b>	<b>In accordance with the Gambling Act 2005 to prepare and publish a Licensing Policy to come into effect January 2016.</b>

<b>7.</b>	<b>NATIONAL EISTEDDFOD</b>	<b>ALC10-2015</b>
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The Committee received a report from the Senior Licensing Officer [copy filed with the minutes] regarding the work of the Team and the National Eisteddfod and other major events in the County.

It was noted that there had been no complaints regarding any events on the National Eisteddfod site or at any event in Meifod. The Committee noted the other national and international events in the County. In response to a question, officers advised that no complaints had been received regarding the licensed premises in Builth which had earlier in the year been reviewed by a Licensing Sub-Committee. The premises had employed a noise consultant who had monitored noise levels throughout the show week.

It was noted that licence fees were set nationally. Overall the department was able to cover costs of supporting and monitoring large events from all fees received.

<b>RESOLVED:</b>	<b>Reason for decision:</b>
<b>The Committee noted the report.</b>	

<b>8.</b>	<b>MINUTES OF LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEES</b>	<b>ALC11-2015</b>
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The Chairs presiding at the meetings held on the following dates were authorised to sign the minutes as correct records:

2013 - 21st May, 9th September and 1st November  
2014 - 25th July, 15th September, 16th October and 11th November  
2015 - 9th March, 31st March and 20th April.

The Committee noted that mandatory training would take place on 28<sup>th</sup> September, 2015 and the next meeting would be on 12<sup>th</sup> October, 2015.

County Councillor D.G. Thomas  
Chair