

CYNGOR SIR POWYS COUNTY COUNCIL

LICENSING ACT 2003 COMMITTEE

3rd September 2015

REPORT AUTHOR: Senior Licensing Officer

SUBJECT: National Eisteddfod

REPORT FOR: For Information

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 Members will be aware that the National Eisteddfod has been taking place in Meifod. This is the second occasion the event has taken place at this location, the previous event took place in 2003.

2. PRE EVENT

2.1 The Commercial section of Environmental Health, which includes Licensing, Food safety and health and safety, have been heavily involved in the planning of the event for the last 12 months. There have been monthly meetings held with various agencies including the Police, Fire Service and Ambulance service

2.2 The Eisteddfod applied for a premises licence in May which was granted following discussions with all of the responsible authorities. The licence covered the Maes and Maes B for entertainment and the sale of alcohol. The licence ran from 30th July to the 9th August. The licence allowed the following hours :-

- Main Maes - alcohol sales 1100 to 0000, Entertainment 0800 to 2300
- Maes B alcohol sales 1100 to 0130, Entertainment 1100 to 0200
- Caravan site shop – alcohol sales 1100 to 2300

3 NATIONAL EISTEDDFOD

3.1 Licensing Officers were present on the Maes in the days leading up to the event to ensure the licence conditions were complied with.

3.2 Venues inspected varied from the main Pavilion to some of the smaller theatres within the Maes. The inspections revealed some minor issues, which were dealt with by the organisers.

- 3.3 Visits were undertaken to the Maes, during the Eisteddfod, with no problems arising.
- 3.4 Maes B opened on the Wednesday evening. This venue is a large marquee, with a stage area and a bar. It also had its own camp site. This area held the entertainment for the younger eisteddfod crowd, with up to 1800 people in the venue each evening, enjoying local bands and some of the bigger names in Welsh rock music.

4 “FRINGE” EVENTS

- 4.1 The Licensing section received applications for Temporary Event Notices (TENs) from several venues in Meifod and surrounding areas, for outside venues. Two venues in Meifod applied for TENs.
- 4.2 Following meetings with the Police and Environmental Protection, times were agreed for the venues to operate, to try to ensure that local residents were not disturbed into the early hours of the morning.
- 4.3 Visits were made to the venues on six nights by Licensing Officers and a member of the Environmental Protection team. All of the venues complied with the agreed hours and no complaints were received during the week.

5 OTHER EVENTS

- 5.1 It is worth noting that Powys is host to other internationally recognised events and festivals and these too operate under premises licences issued by the authority. Officers from the commercial section including licensing are involved with these, both at pre-event planning stages and in conducting inspections/compliance checks during the event, where appropriate, including at the site of any fringe activities that are usually associated with such events. The typical calendar for these particularly large annual events in Powys is:

Event	Date	Description
Hay Literary Festival	23 rd – 31 st May	Internationally recognised Literary festival with a high media profile often featured on the BBC and SKY TV; it also includes musical performances. Once described by Bill Clinton who attended in 2001 as ‘The Woodstock for the Mind’ It is now supplemented in Hay with the How the Light Gets in Philosophy Festival which offers a diverse range of speakers and acts, this festival on its own attracts up to 30,000 visitors
Royal Welsh Show	20 th - 23 rd July	The largest agricultural show in Europe with an attendance of over 200,000 during its four day duration, often visited by members of the Royal family and other VIP’s. The show is supported by a number of other fringe events such as The Young

		People's Village and Penmeanau Events each with their own licensing implications.
Greenman Festival	21 st – 23 rd August	Hosted at the GlanUsk Estate near Crickhowell for the last 10 years and with 20,000 attendees over a 4 day period most of which camp on the site. It is the largest contemporary music festival in Wales, has won several awards including Welsh Events Prize 2006, 'Best Medium Sized Festival 2010 and 'Grass Roots Festival 2012. As Managing Director, Fiona Stewart received the Outstanding Achievement Award at the UK Festival Awards

Recommendation:	Reason for Recommendation:
For Information	N/A

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