

## MONMOUTHSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

**Minutes of the meeting of Licensing and Regulatory Committee held  
at The Council Chamber, County Hall, The Rhadyr, Usk. NP15 1GA on Tuesday, 26th  
November, 2019 at 10.00 am**

**PRESENT:** County Councillor B. Strong (Chairman)  
County Councillor J. Higginson (Vice Chairman)

County Councillors: S. Howarth, A. Easson, M. Lane, R. Roden, J.  
Treharne, R. Edwards, D. Evans, L. Guppy and A. Webb

### **OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE:**

David Jones	Head of Public Protection
Linda O'Gorman	Principal Licensing Officer
Ben Davies	Solicitor
Richard Williams	Democratic Services Officer

### **APOLOGIES:**

None.

#### **1. Declarations of Interest**

None.

#### **2. Licensing Act 2020 Policy Statement**

We considered the proposed Draft Licensing Policy 2020 prior to submission to full Council for adoption.

In doing so, the following points were noted:

- We are currently at the consultation stage. Following the consultation period, the report will be re-presented to the Licensing and Regulatory Committee which will include any issues that have been raised during this period for consideration by the Committee.
- As this is a policy document it can be reviewed throughout the five year period to address minor issues. However, to address any major issues, a period of further consultation would be required.
- In response to a question raised regarding item 21.2 of the Policy, it was noted that one might have a temporary events notice 10 working days prior to an event or have a late temporary event notice which is five working days prior to the event. The wording of this section of the document would be amended to make it more user friendly.
- All licence holders will receive a letter confirming that the policy is out for consultation. This information will also be available to view on The County

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Council's website. Notices will also be erected at County Hall, Usk and at the One Stop Shops within the County notifying the public that the policy is out for consultation.

We noted the report.

#### **3. Confirmation of Minutes**

The minutes of the Licensing and Regulatory Committee meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> October 2019 were confirmed and signed by the Chair.

In doing so, the following updates were received:

#### **Minute 2 - Street Trading in Abergavenny**

It was noted that the Estates Section would not be taking responsibility for Block Street Trading Consents as of February 2020. Therefore, the Licensing Department will be holding talks with the Clerk to Abergavenny Town Council with a view to assessing whether this could be taken on by the Town Council.

The Licensing Department would also be investigating any additional cost implications to major events, such as the Abergavenny Food Festival, with a view to ensuring that these costs are viable for next year.

#### **Minute 3 – Application for the licensing of a Tuk Tuk as a Private Hire Vehicle**

This matter would be further investigated with local authorities that have issued licenses for a tuk tuk regarding any operating issues that might have been experienced. To date, no responses have been received.

A trip in a tuk tuk will be arranged which will include a Licensing Officer and the Chair and Vice Chair of the Licensing and Regulatory Committee to assess the potential safety issues of the vehicle.

#### **4. Next Meeting**

Tuesday 14th January 2020 at 10.00am.

**The meeting ended at 10.21am.**