

LICENSING (2003 ACT) SUB COMMITTEE

(Civic Centre, Neath)

Members Present:

5th March, 2007

Chairman: Councillor J.Myers

Vice Chairman: Councillor Mrs.P.J.Thomas

Councillor: D.M.Peters and L.W.Willis

Officers in Attendance: J.Sullivan (Licensing Manager)
I.Davies (Legal Section)
Ms. C.Grocutt (Committee Section)

**Representative of
The Police Authority:** P.C.Williams

1. **MEMBER'S DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

The following Member made a declaration of interest at the commencement of the meeting in relation to the undermentioned matter and withdrew from the meeting:-

Councillor D.M. Peters – Item No. 2 below as he knew the interested party as a friend of the family.

Report of the Licensing Manager

2. **LICENSING ACT 2003 – LICENSING ACT 2003 (HEARINGS) REGULATION 2005 – APPLICATION FOR A REVIEW OF A PREMISES LICENCE –NEATH R.F.C, GNOLL PARK ROAD, NEATH**

(Councillor L.W. Willis acted as substitute for Councillor D.M. Peters for this item)

Further to meetings held on 22nd September, and 4th December 2006 the Sub Committee further considered the application for a review of an existing premises licence relating to the above mentioned premises, under the provisions of the Licensing Act 2003.

The request for a review had been received from the Police Authority on the grounds set out in the circulated report.

Mr. C. Tomlinson, Manager of Neath Rugby Club attended the meeting along with his solicitor Mr. R. Williams and Acoustics Consultant, Mr. P. Trew. Also in attendance was a representative of the Police Authority, P.C. Williams and an interested party, Mr. D. Price who had submitted representations in respect of the application.

The Licensing Manager reminded the Sub Committee that the review held on 6th December 2006 had been adjourned as the acoustics report being prepared on behalf of the Club had not been completed.

In accordance with the prescribed procedure, the Sub Committee then heard representations from the Police Authority, the interested party and the Solicitor of the premises licence holder.

The Sub Committee noted that the Club was still awaiting the acoustics report. However, the Club had taken advice from the Acoustics Consultant and had taken steps to reduce the noise by keeping fire escape doors and windows closed at all times. Members were also given a verbal update by the Acoustics Consultant indicating the reasons why the report had still not been completed.

The Police Authority confirmed that there had been no further complaints received in the past eight months, since the review, in relation to music noise at the premises. The interested party also indicated that the level of noise emanating from the Club had been substantially reduced over the same period.

The Sub Committee adjourned following receipt of all representations prior to reaching its final decision.

RESOLVED: that, although the original request by the Police Authority for a Review of the Club was felt by the Sub Committee to be justified, the Sub Committee did not feel it necessary to modify or impose additional conditions to the current premises licence, due to the fact that there had been no complaints over the past eight months since the Review and that the management at the Club had shown that they could comply with the conditions of its licence.

CHAIRMAN