

**LICENSING AND GAMBLING ACTS
SUB COMMITTEE
(LICENSING ACT 2003 HEARING)**

(Civic Centre, Neath)

Members Present:

11th August, 2009

Chairman: Councillor E.V.Latham

Vice Chairman: Councillor A.P.H.Davies

Councillor: T.J.Sullivan

Officers in Attendance: J.Sullivan (Licensing Manager),
B.Thorne (Legal Section) and
Mrs.A.Manchip (Committee Section)

**Representative of
the Police Authority:** P.C. J. Williams

Report of the Head of Legal and Democratic Services

1. **APPLICATION FOR PREMISES LICENCE – GWYL
PONTARDAWE FESTIVAL, PARC YNYSDERW, FFORDD
PARC, YNYSDERW, PONTARDAWE**

The Sub Committee was asked to consider an application for the activities as outlined in the circulated report on the penultimate Wednesday to Sunday in August on an annual basis to hold the Gwyl Pontardawe Festival. In attendance at the meeting was Mr. D.Hammond-Williams, Miss I.Stevenson and Mr. L.Ab Islwyn, Directors of Gwyl Pontardawe Festival Limited.

Mr.Sullivan, Licensing Manager, outlined the details of the application and advised that the applicants had requested the following amendments to the application:-

- (i) Opening hours to include Wednesday 18.00 to 00.30 hours;

- (ii) Live music: indoors and outdoors on Wednesday between 19.00 and 23.00 hours;
- (iii) Recorded music: indoors and outdoors on Wednesday between 19.00 and 23.00 hours;
- (iv) Performance of dance: indoors and outdoors on Wednesday between 19.00 and 23.00 hours;
- (v) Late night refreshments:-

Wednesday and Thursday from 23.00 to 00.30 hours and Friday and Saturday between 23.00 and 01.30 hours and Sunday between 23.00 to 23.30 hours.
- (vi) The layout of the site to be agreed annually with the responsible authorities.

The applicants then addressed Members of the Sub Committee advising that the site plan submitted was weather dependant and that four other options had also been submitted along with the application. The South Wales Police representative requested a copy of the plan.

P.C. J. Williams then advised the Members of the Sub Committee that the representations made on behalf of South Wales Police in relation to the application had now been addressed, however a request was made by South Wales Police that the actual week-end of the event remain “flexible” such that should policing be required at an alternative event on that week-end the event be held either the weekend before or the weekend after. The applicants in response agreed to this level of flexibility. Members were advised that as a result of new legislation any changes to the dates of the event as a result of the request received from South Wales Police, could be dealt with as “minor variations” to the Licence.

After listening to all parties concerned it was:-

RESOLVED: that the application submitted by Gwyl Pontardawe Festival Limited in relation to the Gwyl Pontardawe Festival, as contained in the circulated report and amended verbally at the meeting, be approved.

CHAIRMAN