

**Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council
Cyngor Bwrdeistref Sirol Castell-nedd**

**Democratic Services
Gwasanaethau Democrataidd**

Chief Executive: K.Jones

Date: 24 June 2022

Dear Member,

**LICENSING AND GAMBLING ACTS SUB COMMITTEE - TUESDAY, 28TH
JUNE, 2022**

Please find attached the following supplementary item for consideration at the next meeting of the **Licensing and Gambling Acts Sub Committee - Tuesday, 28th June, 2022.**

Item

- a) **EH Witness Statement** (Pages 3 - 6)

Yours sincerely

Tammie Davies


p.p Chief Executive

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Occurrence Number:		URN			
Statement of: Ryan Christopher Shoemark					
Witness contact details:					
Work address:	Planning & Public Protection, The Quays, Briton Ferry, Neath, SA11 2GG				
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Mobile/Pager No.:		Email address:	r.shoemark@npt.go.uk		
Preferred means of contact (specify details):	email				
Best time of contact (specify details):	09:00 – 17:00hrs				
Gender:	Male	Date of Birth:	18/10/1980		
Ethnicity code (16+1):		Place of Birth:	Swansea		
Former Name:		Religion/Belief (specify):	Christian		
DATES OF WITNESS NON-AVAILABILITY:	None known				


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WITNESS STATEMENT

CJ Act 1967, s.9; MC Act 1980, ss.5A(3) (a) and 5B; Criminal Procedure Rules 2005, Rule 27.1

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Statement of:	Ryan Christopher Shoemark						
Age if under 18:	Over 18 (if over 18 insert 'over 18')	Occupation:	Environmental Health Officer				
This statement (consisting of 2 page(s) each signed by me) is true to the best of my knowledge and belief and I make it knowing that, if it is tendered in evidence, I shall be liable to prosecution if I have wilfully stated in it, anything which I know to be false, or do not believe to be true.							
Signature:				Date:	21/05/22		

Tick if witness evidence is visually recorded (supply witness details on rear)

1. My name is Ryan Christopher Shoemark and I am employed by Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council as an Environmental Health Officer in the Environmental Health Team. My qualifications include an MSc in Environmental Health. I have been employed in local government within Environmental Health for 16 years, of which, during those years I have spent investigating statutory nuisance complaints and authorised to investigate the provisions of the Environmental Protection Act 1990.
2. My statement is concerning the premises Pontardawe Rugby Football Club, Ynysderw Rd, Swansea SA8 4EG.
3. On Saturday 14th May 2022 I was tasked to undertake monitoring of noise disturbances in relation to the licensed premises known as Pontardawe RFC, located at Ynysderw Rd, Swansea SA8 4EG.
4. My colleague Mr Duncan Hector (Environmental Health Officer) and I arrived at 22:41hrs and briefly monitored the premises from the adjacent road that runs parallel to the premises and the car park; we had a clear view of the premises. At this time, amplified music emanating from inside the premises was clearly audible externally.
5. At 22:47hrs we relocated and monitored from the residential area known as Riverside Court, Llys Glanrafon, Pontardawe, at this time, little sound was heard from the premises and was overshadowed by the passing road traffic noise from the A4067.
6. I present a screenshot of my location (RS/01) with relation to the proximity of the premises and the residential buildings between the premises and where monitoring was taken place.
7. At 22:55hrs noise disturbances from patrons (loud voices/shouting) at the premises were audible.
8. At 22:56hrs an amplified public announcement (PA) was audible emanating from the premises.
9. At 23:02hrs amplified music was audible (male singer), the song was unclear.

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10. At 23:09hrs music emanating from the premises with a male singer was audible and believed to be karaoke. The level of the sound was such the song could be identified from the distance we were located away from the premises. The song was clearly identified as Elton John 'CIRCLE OF LIFE'.

11. At 23:14hrs the music stopped and the patrons at the premises were now heard.

12. At 23:15hrs an amplified PA was made and background music was audible, the song noted and lyrics heard were to the song by Abba 'DOES YOUR MOTHER KNOW'

13. Between 23:16hrs and 23:18hrs several PA were audible, background music continued.

14. At 23:22hrs a female singer was performing Karaoke. The song was recognisable with the lyrics to the song heard 'ITS GOT TO BE WORTH IT'.

15. At 23:31hrs a female singer was performing karaoke. The song clearly audible was by the artist Tina Turner and song 'SIMPLY THE BEST'.

16. At 23:35hrs the song 'REACH FOR THE STARS' by S Club 7 was clearly audible.


17. At 23:37hrs the song, which was recognisable by the sound and lyrics were noted as 'BUILD ME UP BUTTERCUP'.


18. At 23:41hrs the song 'WALKING IN MEMPHIS' by the artist Cher was clearly audible.

19. At 23:46hrs we relocated ourselves to the road outside the premises. Amplified music from inside the premises was clearly audible externally; the song identified was 'FEEL LIKE A WOMAN' by the artist Shania Twain.

20. At 23:49hrs amplified music was clearly audible emanating from the premises; the song 'SUPER TROOPER' by the band ABBA was identified.

21. Monitoring stopped at 23:51hrs.




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