

COUNCIL

(Civic Centre, Port Talbot)

Members Present:

2 September, 2015

The Mayor: Councillor **A.P.H.Davies**

The Deputy Mayor: Councillor **Mrs.S.M.Penry**

Councillors: J.R.Bryant, A.Carter, Mrs.A.Chaves,
D.W.Davies, M.Ellis, J.S.Evans, C.P.Golding,
S.K.Hunt, H.N.James, I.B.James,
Mrs.L.H.James, R.James, Mrs.D.Jones,
E.E.Jones, M.Jones, R.G.Jones, D.Keogh,
E.V.Latham, A.Llewelyn, Mrs.K.Lloyd,
A.R.Lockyer, J.Miller, Mrs.S.Miller, C.Morgan,
J.D.Morgan, Mrs.S.Paddison, D.M.Peters,
M.Protheroe, L.M.Purcell, S.Rahaman,
P.A.Rees, A.Taylor, A.J.Taylor, A.H.Thomas,
J.Warman, D.Whitelock, I.D.Williams and
Mrs.L.G.Williams

Officers in Attendance: S.Phillips, H.Jenkins, A.Evans, N. Jarman,
G.Nutt, Mrs.K.Jones, N.Chapple, R.George,
Mrs.A.Manchipp and Miss.G.Cirillo

Representatives of the Translation Service: Present

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

The following Member made a declaration of interest at the commencement of the meeting:-

Councillor A.Taylor

Re: Minute No 3 of the Policy and Resources Cabinet Board Decision Record as it relates to the Afan Lido AFC as he is a Committee Member of the AFC.

2. **MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING OF COUNCIL**

RESOLVED: that the Minutes of the previous meeting of Council be confirmed:-

Council

1 July, 2015

3. **SECTION 85(1) OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972**

RESOLVED: that in view of the absence at the present time of Councillor Glyn Rawlings from Council business, due to illness, approval be granted for his continued absence until further notice pursuant to Section 85(1) of the Local Government Act 1972.

4. **MEMBERSHIP ARRANGEMENTS**

Council received, circulated at the meeting, the proposed changes to memberships of the Children, Young People and Education Scrutiny Committee, Personnel Committee, Licensing and Gambling Acts Committee, Licensing and Gambling Acts Sub Committee and Registration and Licensing Committee.

RESOLVED: that the following changes be approved:

Children, Young People and Education Scrutiny
Committee

Replace Councillor Mrs A.Wingrave with Councillor
D.Whitelock

Personnel Committee

Replace Councillor Mrs.K.Lloyd with Councillor
Mrs.D.Jones

Licensing and Gambling Acts Committee
Licensing and Gambling Acts Sub Committee
Registration and Licensing Committee

Councillor E.E.Jones be appointed Chairman on a temporary basis until such time as the Chairman returns from his leave of absence due to ill health.

5. **GAMBLING ACT 2005 - REVIEW OF STATEMENT OF PRINCIPLES**

Council received, as an appendix to the circulated report, a copy of the draft Gambling Act 2005 - Review of Statement of Principles, for Members' comments prior to consultation.

Members generally supported the Statement of Principles contained in the appendix and the obligation on the Authority to protect vulnerable people.

RESOLVED: that the Gambling Act 2005 - Review of Statement of Principles, as contained in the appendix to the circulated report, be approved for consultation purposes.

6. **LICENSING ACT POLICY**

Council received, as an appendix to the circulated report, a copy of the draft Licensing Act 2003 – Review of Licensing Act Policy, for Members' comments prior to consultation.

During the discussion the following points were raised:-

What effect did the introduction of more flexible licensing hours have on communities and what resources did the Authority have to deal with complaints such as noise nuisance? Officers advised that out of hours working was not undertaken by Licensing Officers and that noise nuisance was dealt with by Officers of Environmental Health who did provide such a service. In relation to crime and disorder complaints these would be dealt with by the police.

Should a licensed premises continue to receive complaints it was possible to undertake a review of the license wherein the Committee undertaking the review could impose addition conditions, suspend or revoke the license. Members then asked for details of the number of licences called in for review together with details of the powers of enforcement the Authority has. It was noted that the review of a licence was one of the final ways of dealing with problem premises and that there were only a few undertaken per year.

Members also questioned whether the reference to the Race Relations Act 1976 and the Race Relations (Amendment) Act 2000 was correct. Officers would look into this outside of today's meeting and amend the document, if necessary, prior to consultation.

Member also stressed the importance of monitoring closely the use of glass and bottles particularly outside a licensed premises.

In addition, Members asked what the Authority could do to restrict the sale of New Psychoactive Substances and noted that as the sale of the substances were not illegal and were sold 'not for human consumption', the Authority could not prevent their sale in shops. The Authority could however prevent their sale on licensed premises if this was happening.

The Authority was providing education into the dangers of New Psychoactive Substances at schools throughout the County Borough. The Welsh Government was looking to introduce legislation against their sale although there was a danger that this would drive their sale 'underground'.

RESOLVED: that the, draft Licensing Act 2003 – Review of Licensing Act Policy, as contained in the appendix to the circulated report, be approved for consultation purposes.

7. **EXECUTIVE DECISIONS OF THE CABINET AND CABINET BOARDS**

RESOLVED: that the following Executive Decisions of Cabinet and Cabinet Boards be noted:-

Cabinet	10 th June 2015
Cabinet	17 th June 2015
Cabinet	24 th June 2015
Cabinet	9 th July 2015
Cabinet	15 th July 2015
Children, Young People and Education	18 th June 2015
Children, Young People and Education	16 th July 2015
Children, Young People and Education (Special)	30 th July 2015
Children, Young People and Education (Special)	30 th July 2015

Social Care, Health and Housing	11 th June 2015
Social Care, Health and Housing	30 th July 2015
Social Care, Health and Housing (Reconvened)	3 rd August 2015
Policy and Resources	28 th May 2015
Policy and Resources	9 th July 2015
Policy and Resources (Special)	23 rd July 2015
Economic and Community Regeneration (Special)	19 th Mach 2015
Economic and Community Regeneration	19 th June 2015
Economic and Community Regeneration	31 st July 2015
Environment and Highways	23 rd July 2015

CHAIRPERSON