

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE LICENSING COMMITTEE
HELD IN MEETING ROOM 1, GUILDHALL ON
MONDAY, 24 OCTOBER 2016

MEMBERS

Councillor D J Griffiths, Chair
Councillor Paul Pemberton, Vice-Chair

Councillor	Brian Cameron	Councillor	Geoff Lowe
“	Krista Childs	“	Bernie McCann
“	* T Alan Edwards	“	M G Morris
“	Anne Evans	“	John Phillips
“	J A Kelly KSG	“	Mrs J M B Roberts
“	* Lloyd Kenyon	“	David Taylor

*Absent

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors T Alan Edwards and Lloyd Kenyon.

2 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

RESOLVED – That the Minutes of the Meeting held on 16 May 2016 be confirmed as a correct record.

3 WREXHAM COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL STATEMENT OF LICENSING POLICY

The Head of Environment and Planning submitted a report (HEP/71/16) to seek approval of the Wrexham County Borough Council's Statement of Licensing Policy 2016 – 2020 following the consultation process.

Members were reminded that a thorough review of the policy had been undertaken to take into account legislative changes, revised guidance from the Home Office issued under Section 182 of the Act and good practice from other local authorities, which had been considered by this Committee at its May 2016 meeting.

It was reported that consultation had been undertaken with statutory parties and five responses had been received, four of which were supportive or had no comments to make. One consultee did not feel it was necessary to change the existing policy.

An Equality Impact Assessment had been undertaken which had highlighted no negative issues.

Members commented on the importance of the policy in promoting the licensing objectives, supporting the development of a more inclusive night time economy and promoting high quality well managed premises. Reference was made to the

importance of schemes such as Nightsafe, Best Bar None and Pubwatch and it was noted that a significant number of licensees in Wrexham were engaged with such schemes.

Members also welcomed the inclusion in the policy of the links between alcohol and health. It was noted that work was being undertaken by the licensing section in partnership with other agencies to develop an evidence base concerning alcohol related issues in Wrexham and it was proposed that a report be submitted to a future meeting in this regard.

Members endorsed the policy, thanking the officer for the work undertaken in it's preparation.

RESOLVED – That it be recommended to Council that the Wrexham County Borough Council Statement of Licensing Policy 2016 – 2020 be approved.

Councillor D J Griffiths
Chair