Start: 7.30 p.m. Finish:8.50 p.m.

- **PRESENT:** Councillor Kay (Chairman) Councillor Owens (Vice Chairman)
- Councillors: Delaney Savage Mrs C. Evans Mrs Stephenson Griffiths Sudworth Jones West Mrs Kean Wilkie Oliver Wright Pye
- Officers: Commercial, Safety and Licensing Manager (Mr. P. Charlson) Principal Solicitor (Mr. L. Gardner) Senior Licensing Officer (Mrs. M. Murray) Member Services Officer (Mrs. J.Brown)

1. APOLOGIES

There were no apologies for absence received.

2. MEMBERSHIP OF THE COMMITTEE

In accordance with Council Procedure Rule 4, the Committee noted the termination of membership of Councillor Ms. Melling and the appointment of Councillor Griffiths for this meeting only, thereby giving effect to the wishes of the political groups.

3. URGENT BUSINESS

There were no items of urgent business.

(Note: The Chairman asked Members of the Committee to inform Member Services of their availability to attend the Licensing Sub – Committee).

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

5. DECLARATION OF PARTY WHIP

There were no declarations of Party Whip.

6. MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the meeting held on 6 December 2011 be received as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

7. MINUTES OF LICENSING SUB - COMMITTEE

The Minutes of the Licensing Sub – Committee held 12 September 2011, 1 November 2011, 29 November 2011, 6 December 2011, 15 December 2011, 31 January 2012 and 14 March 2012 were submitted.

RESOLVED: That the above Minutes be noted.

8. **REFORM OF THE LICENSING ACT 2003**

Consideration was given to the report of the Assistant Director Community Services as contained on pages 29 to 35 of the Book of Reports, the purpose of which was to inform Members of recent changes to the Licensing Act 2003 and to take the necessary action to implement these changes.

The Commercial, Safety and Licensing Manager outlined the report to Members and responded to questions from the Committee.

- RESOLVED: A. That the Assistant Director Community Services be authorised acting as a Responsible Authority to take any actions necessary on behalf of the Licensing Authority under the Licensing Act 2003.
 - B. That delegated authority be granted to the Assistant Director Community Services to suspend Premises Licences and Club Premises Certificates for non-payment of annual fees in accordance with the Licensing Act 2003.

------- CHAIRMAN -