

## GŴYL FWYD CAERNARFON

### DRUG AND ALCOHOL POLICY

#### INTRODUCTION

1. At Gŵyl Fwyd Caernarfon (“GFC”) the safety of attendees - both vendors and other persons working on the festival site, and members of the public - is of the highest importance. GFC wants to ensure that everyone who attends the festival has not just an enjoyable and memorable experience but also one where safety and wellbeing are ensured.
2. GFC recognises that alcoholic drinks form an integral part of the food and drink offering at the festival and when enjoyed responsibly, make a positive contribution to the festival’s social atmosphere and overall experience.
3. GFC also recognises that the consumption of alcohol at the festival presents its own challenges and if left unregulated, may pose a risk in terms of the prevention of crime and disorder, public safety, the prevention of public nuisance and protecting children from harm.
4. In respect of drugs, GFC recognises the risks posed by persons who wish to use drugs at the event. The use of drugs carries risks - both medical and legal - to the persons consuming them and to the persons supplying them. In addition, the presence of any drug use presents a more general risk to the health, wellbeing and safety of all persons attending the event as well as to the reputation of GFC.
5. GFC also recognises that the open-access nature of the event presents a challenge in terms of the organisers’ ability to prevent access to the event site of those persons intending to use drugs or in a state of intoxication, or to evict those persons already on site who use or intend to use drugs or who are in a state of intoxication.
6. With this in mind the following Drug and Alcohol Policy has been developed to maintain GFC’s commitment to the safety of all persons attending the event.
7. GFC shall actively engage with the Police, NHS and other relevant bodies in order to promote the letter and spirit of this Policy.

#### ILLEGAL DRUG USE

8. GFC has a zero tolerance policy with respect to illegal drug use.
9. GFC does not condone the supply, use or possession of illegal drugs on the festival site.

10. Attendees are requested to report any incident of suspected illegal drug supply, use or possession to the Police directly or to a member of the GFC festival organising team.
11. GFC shall take all reasonably practicable steps to assist the Police with the identification and eviction of any persons suspected of illegal drug supply, use or possession.
12. For the purpose of this Policy, an illegal drug is a reference to a controlled substance as defined by the Misuse of Drugs Act 1971.

#### 'LEGAL HIGHS'

13. GFC's zero tolerance policy and policy provisions with respect to illegal drugs also extends to the use and supply of new psychoactive substances, or so-called 'legal highs'.

#### AWARENESS

14. GFC shall display notices at select locations on the festival site affirming its zero tolerance policy, reminding that it does not condone the possession, use or supply of illegal drugs or legal highs, and that the suspected presence of any illegal drugs should be reported to the Police or to festival organisers.

#### ALCOHOL

15. The primary responsibility with respect to compliance within the festival site with the provisions of the Licensing Act 2003 lies with individual vendors supplying alcohol under their own personal licences and who are permitted by GFC to supply alcohol. The purpose of this Policy is to assist vendors' compliance with the licensing laws and to promote responsible alcohol consumption.
16. The conduct of licensed premises falling outside the festival site is beyond the control of GFC. All responsibility with respect to compliance of those premises with the provisions of the Licensing Act 2003 lies with the respective premises licence holders, who are directly answerable to the local licensing authority, Cyngor Gwynedd. In the interests of facilitating a joined-up approach by the local licensed trade which aligns with the festival plans, GFC shall make its best endeavours to keep the local licensed trade up to date with the festival's latest developments.
17. GFC shall apply for a Temporary Event Notice from the licensing authority for the festival site for the duration of the festival, enabling duly authorised vendors possessing a personal licence to lawfully conduct the licensable activity of supply of alcohol.

18. Vendors authorised by GFC to supply alcohol shall fall within one of 2 categories:

- a. Bars, namely vendors whose principal business is the supply of alcohol for consumption on site;
- b. Stallholders, namely vendors authorised to supply alcohol but not for consumption on site.

19. All vendors are reminded of the following legal requirements not to supply alcohol to any person:

- a. acting in a disruptive or abusive manner (section 140, Licensing Act 2003);
- b. in a state of intoxication (section 141, Licensing Act 2003);
- c. who is obtaining alcohol for a person in a state of intoxication (section 142, Licensing Act 2003);
- d. who is under the age of 18 (section 146, Licensing Act 2003);
- e. purchasing alcohol for consumption by an individual under the age of 18 (section 149, Licensing Act 2003);

20. All bars are required to operate a Challenge 25 policy and to display notices confirming that the policy is in operation.

21. All bar staff are required to have received the relevant training in carrying out licensable activities.

22. Bars will only permit a maximum of 4 alcoholic drinks to be purchased at once.

23. Bars shall ensure that all alcoholic drinks supplied at the festival will be provided either in open paper containers or in non-single-use plastic containers.

24. Bars must cease trading at 5:00pm on the day of the festival.

25. Stallholders may supply alcohol in sealed alcohol bottles or cans. Stallholders are not permitted to supply alcohol for consumption on the festival site.

26. Any incident of alcohol misuse shall be reported to the Police or via the festival organisers or to the relevant bar manager.

27. In order to ensure a safe environment for all attendees, GFC shall employ security staff accredited by the Security Industry Authority to attend the festival site, who will take appropriate action as required for those persons under the influence of drugs and/or alcohol.

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