County Borough of Swansea

PARKS AND ENTERTAINMENTS DEPARTMENT

BYELAWS made under Section 223 of the Public Health Act, 1936, by the Mayor, Aldermen and Burgesses of the County Borough of Swansea, acting by the Council, for the regulation of the baths, wash-houses, swimming baths and bathing places under their management and for the regulation of persons resorting thereto.

Interpretation.

1. In these byelaws
   "the Council" means the Mayor, Aldermen and Burgesses of the County Borough of Swansea, acting by the Council;
   "the baths" means baths, wash-houses, swimming baths or bathing places or any of them under the management of the Council.

2. A person resorting to the baths shall not
   (a) enter any part of the baths unless he has obtained by payment the appropriate ticket for entry and admission to that part of the baths;
   (b) enter any part of the baths which by notice conspicuously exhibited is not open to members of the public;
   (c) by forcible or improper means, enter or seek entrance to any bath room or any swimming bath, or the dressing-rooms, closets, boxes, or compartments attached thereto;
   (d) enter or seek entrance to any bathroom or any swimming bath or the dressing rooms, closets, boxes or compartments attached thereto where any such accommodation is set apart by a notice or notices conspicuously exhibited for the use of persons of the opposite sex;
   (e) knowingly use any bath of a higher class or description than that for which he has obtained a ticket for admission;
   (f) refuse to produce to any Officer of the Council on request such ticket as is mentioned in paragraph (a) of this byelaw.

3. A person resorting to the baths shall not knowingly intrude upon or interfere with the privacy of any other person using any bath room or any swimming bath, or any dressing room, closet, box, or compartment attached thereto.
4. A person resorting to the baths shall not

(a) by any disorderly or improper conduct disturb or interrupt any person in the proper use of any bath, bath-room, dressing-room, closet, box or compartment, or in the execution of any duty for which he is employed in the management or control of the baths;

(b) while being upon the premises use any indecent and offensive language or behave in an indecent and offensive manner;

(c) cause any dog belonging to him, or under his control to enter or remain in any bath, bath-room, dressing-room, closet, box, or compartment, or in any passage leading to or from any bath or bath-room;

(d) while being in any swimming bath use any soap or other substance or preparation whereby the water may be rendered turbid or unfit for the use of bathers;

(e) wilfully and improperly foul or pollute the water in any separate bath or in any swimming bath, or wilfully and improperly soil or defile any towel, bathing drawers or bathing dress supplied for his use, or any bath-room, dressing-room, closet, box, or compartment, or any furniture or article therein;

(f) while suffering from any cutaneous, infectious, or contagious disease, enter or use any swimming bath or any separate bath or while in a state of bodily uncleanness enter or use any swimming bath;

(g) act professionally as a teacher of, or give any instruction or lessons for payment in swimming within the Bath except with the authority of the Council in writing;

(h) to the danger or damage of any person throw or carelessly drop into the water in any separate bath or in any swimming bath any article or thing;

(i) dive, spring or plunge into the water of any swimming bath except from the diving boards or other apparatus provided by the Council for that purpose or from the sides of any swimming bath and shall not so dive, spring or plunge to the danger or damage of any other person;

(j) after using any bath or quitting any bathroom, loiter, or remain, without reasonable excuse, in any passage leading to or from any bath or bath-room;

(k) smoke tobacco or any other like substance therein (except that part thereof reserved for spectators) and shall not, except in any case of illness, bring or cause to be brought into the baths, any spirituous or intoxicating liquor.
5. A person shall not enter or knowingly or without reasonable excuse remain in any swimming or other bath after the commencement of the last quarter of an hour before the time appointed for the closing of the baths, or the time appointed for the use of such swimming or other bath by members of one sex exclusively or by any organisation.

6. The baths shall be open between such hours as shall appear by notice conspicuously exhibited at the entrance to the baths and no person other than Officers of the Council shall unreasonably stay or loiter in the baths when they are not so open.

Penalties.

7. Every person who shall offend against any of the foregoing byelaws shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding two pounds.

8. Every person who shall contravene any byelaw for the regulation of the baths may be excluded or may be removed therefrom by an officer of the Council.
The Common Seal of the Mayor, Aldermen and Burgesses of the County Borough of Swansea was hereunto affixed this 24th day of October 1955, in the presence of:

T. B. BOWEN

Town Clerk.

The foregoing byelaws are hereby confirmed by the Minister of Housing and Local Government, this twenty-eighth day of December 1955, and shall come into operation on the first day of February, 1956.

S. G. G. WILKINSON,
Assistant Secretary,
Ministry of Housing and Local Government.