

Minutes of a meeting of the **COMMITTEE OF THE LICENSING AUTHORITY** held in the Meeting Room 1, Council Offices, Priory Road, Spalding, on Thursday, 6 July 2017 at 6.30 pm.

PRESENT

A Harrison (Chairman)
T A Carter (Vice-Chairman)

G R Aley
M D Booth
A Casson
M G Chandler

G K Dark
H Drury
C N Johnson
A M Newton

E J Sneath
J Tyrrell

In Attendance: Licensing and Business Support Manager, Assistant Licensing Officer, Democratic Services Officer, Sgt Kimble Enderby and PC Jon Evans

Apologies for absence were received from or on behalf of Councillors R Clark and J L King

1. **SGT KIMBLE ENDERBY AND PC JON EVANS - LINCOLNSHIRE POLICE ALCOHOL LICENSING TEAM**

With the Chairman's permission, this item was brought forward on the agenda. The Chairman welcomed Sgt Kimble Enderby and PC Jon Evans from Lincolnshire Police Alcohol Licensing Team. Sgt Enderby proceeded to give a presentation on the team's ongoing work and the sort of issues they are faced with.

The presentation included the following points:

- Working together with Immigration and HMRC to combat illegal goods making their way into the Country and modern slavery and exploitation.
- Visiting premises on intelligence led basis.
- Programme of underage test purchasing about to start in the County.
- 80% of their time is intervention – visiting pubs/clubs etc. 20% is dealing with incidents.
- Have 5 Officers for the County.
- Discussions about detecting counterfeit goods.
- Trading Standards investigate illegal tobacco products.
- The difference between goods that are machine made/packed compared to hand made/packed.
- Criminal enterprises sometimes use shops as a front for organised crime.

The Committee discussed the following points raised from the presentation:

- Whether illegal cigarette sales had soared as a result of premises having their licences revoked.
- Should cigarettes be sold only from licenced premises? This had been tried unsuccessfully in the past.

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- Whether Brexit would make a difference regarding illegal cigarettes and alcohol and the value of the pound changing migrants' perceptions.
- Councillor Chandler sat on the Police and Crime Commissioner Panel and would consider putting forward recommendations for extra staffing or resources.
- Bring awareness to the Local Government Association
- It was not an offence to purchase counterfeit goods.
- If anyone had any information about illegal activity at licensed premises, the address to notify the Police is countylicensinggroup@lincs.pnn.police.uk
- The Committee could visit the Licencing team HQ to see how they operate.

The Chairman thanked the Officers for attending and the meeting adjourned for five minutes whilst they left the room.

2. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

There were no declarations of interest.

3. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 26th January were signed as a correct record.

There were no minutes from 23 March to sign due to only having the Licensing Committee meeting.

4. QUARTERLY LICENSING UPDATE REPORT

The Licensing and Business Support Manager introduced the report of the Executive Manager People and Public Protection which provided an update on activities relating to the work of the Committee of the Licensing Authority. The following key points were raised:

- Now receiving more Temporary Events Notices applications online. Looking to get more application types available online.
- Inspections lower this quarter due to staff absence but will increase next quarter.
- No appeals lodged with the revoked licences.
- The Assistant Licensing Officer attended Pubwatch meeting.
- Cllr Casson went out on visits with the Assistant Licencing Officer and inspected 3 properties.
- Cllr Harrison shadowed the Licensing Officer and police when they visited most of the licenced premises in Crowland.
- Attending the Safety Advisory Group – Nicky Ruskin (Food, Health and Safety Officer) taking lead role, putting management plans in place which were suitable for events.
- Sharing information with other agencies electronically.

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- The Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Licensing and Business Support Manager attended Institute of Licencing training event on House of Lords Select Committee review on the Licencing Act 2003. No updates on recommendations had been received (probably delayed due to General Election).

DECISION:

That the content of the report be noted.

5. PANEL OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE LICENSING AUTHORITY

The Licensing Panel currently comprised 3 Councillors chosen from a pool comprising all of the Licensing Committee members, and each Panel was selected by the Executive Manager Governance on a rotational basis as and when required, but to include either the Chairman or Vice-Chairman of the Licensing Committee where reasonably possible.

Councillors were invited to consider (i) whether the Panel should be re-established for the current municipal year; and (ii) whether any amendment should be made to the terms of reference or composition of the Panel.

DECISION:

1. That the Licensing Panel be re-established for the current municipal year; and
2. That no changes be made to the terms of reference or composition of the Licensing Panel

6. ANY OTHER ITEMS WHICH THE CHAIRMAN DECIDES ARE URGENT.

There were no other items for discussion.

(The meeting ended at 8.10 pm)

(End of minutes)