

Minutes of a meeting of the **COMMITTEE OF THE LICENSING AUTHORITY** held in the Meeting Room 1, Council Offices, Priory Road, Spalding, on Monday, 6 November 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
C N Johnson

A M Newton
E J Sneath
J Tyrrell

In Attendance: The Licensing and Business Support Manager.

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

7. **DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

There were no declarations of interest.

8. **MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting held on 6 July 2017 were signed as a correct record.

9. **COMMITTEE OF THE LICENSING AUTHORITY UPDATE REPORT 2017/17 Q2**

The Committee received a report by the Executive Manager – People and Public Protection which provided an update on licensing activities relevant to the Licensing Authority during Quarter 2 July to September 2017.

The Licensing and Business Support Manager advised the Committee that there had been no further hearings during this period and no appeals received in relation to the licensing panel decisions.

It was noted that 100% of Temporary Event Notices were processed within 24 hours. There was a vacancy in the Licensing Team with a recruitment process underway. The Committee congratulated the team and Sgt Enderby for the work done on revoking rogue notices.

10. **FEEDBACK FROM STREET PASTORS VISIT**

The Chairman and Vice-Chairman had accompanied the Street Pastors on one of their shifts and reported their findings to the Committee. The following key points emerged:

- The night was quiet and went well and it was a very good experience
- The Street Pastors are well liked within the community – making young people feel safer on the street

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- A lot of glass and bottles were picked up from the streets, and the Pastors kept a count of all bottles and cans that were picked up
- Establishments were observed asking for ID on the door
- More Street Pastor volunteers were needed but there was a religious element to the role and a volunteer must be a regular church attender for a minimum of 1 year. Most volunteers were mature people but younger people would be welcome.
- The Street Pastors existed mainly on voluntary contributions. There had been funding from several Councillor designated ward budgets.
- Councillor Casson joined the Street Pastors the following night and commented on how well run the pubs were, with the doormen doing an excellent job.
- The Street Pastors operated between 10pm to 2am. The hours were previously 10pm to 4am but due to the shortage of volunteers the hours had been reduced.

11. BUSINESS EVENT

The Chairman and Vice-Chairman gave a verbal update on the business event that would be taking place on the afternoon of Monday 13 November 2017. The event was being hosted by the Council and was open to any licensed premises and shops. An information pack would be available for attendees. Approximately 30 licensees had already booked a place and there were still a few places available. The event would include speakers from the Police, Street Pastors, Fire Service, Environmental Health and Drug Awareness (tbc). Members were encouraged to attend this free event.

12. TRAINING FOR COMMITTEE

The Licensing and Business Support Manager informed the Committee that there would be a training event regarding Panel hearings and licensing law to be held in Kings Lynn and delivered by James Button. It was decided that it would be practical to hold the event in the new year. The Licensing and Business Support Manager would circulate provisional dates to Councillors.

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

The Committee noted that the Government's response to the House of Lords Select Committee's recommendations regarding Licensing had been published that day. Councillors had been sent a link to this response and once this had been considered in detail, Councillors would be notified of any implications for the Licensing process at South Holland District Council.

(The meeting ended at 7.20 pm)

(End of minutes)