

Licensing Committee

Tuesday, 21st December, 2010

PRESENT: Councillor S Armitage in the Chair

Councillors R Downes, J Dunn,
Mrs R Feldman, R D Feldman, T Hanley,
G Hussain, G Hyde, V Morgan, B Selby,
C Townsley, D Wilson and G Wilkinson

IN ATTENDANCE –

Mrs B Yearwood LCC Area Community Safety Co-ordinator (East Leeds)
Inspector J Hawkes – West Yorkshire Police

47 Chairs Opening Remarks

Councillor Armitage thanked all Members of the Committee for their hard work and support during the year and expressed her best wishes to all present for Christmas. The Chair reminded Members of the importance of attending the Member Learning Day sessions on Licensing and Governance and Conduct scheduled for January 2011

48 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest

49 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Dobson and Grayshon

50 Minutes

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the previous meeting held 16th November 2010 be agreed as a correct record

51 Proposed Designated Public Place Order (DPPO) Burmantofts

The Assistant Chief Executive (Corporate Governance) submitted a report setting out proposals for a Designated Public Places Order (DPPO) to be made to cover the Burmantofts area of East Leeds.

Mrs B Yearwood attended the meeting to provide the background to the proposals and the consultation process undertaken so far. Appendices 2 and 3 of the report detailed the boundary of the proposed DPPO area. Mrs Yearwood outlined the local community's concerns over alcohol related incidents of drunkenness and/or anti social behaviour which affected the area including the problems experienced around the Lincoln Green shops and Beckett Street and Harehills cemeteries.

It was noted that a review of recorded incidents throughout the Burmantofts & Richmond Hill area had been undertaken to assess the problems experienced across the ward; and the boundary of this proposed DPPO would abut the

adjacent Gipton & Harehills DPPO boundary as a result. Ward Councillors from both wards had been consulted on the proposals.

Inspector J Hawkes of WYP provided further detail on the particular hotspots for incidents and the types of alcohol related problems within the area. She stated that measures were already in place within the local community to spot and identify problems which included liaison with local shopkeepers and the Friends of Harehills Cemetery group; however these measures had not deterred people from congregating and consuming alcohol in those areas. Furthermore, local shopkeepers had been issued with direct telephone numbers for the Neighbourhood Policing Team. Those calls may have been responded to directly and those incidents may not appear within the statistics in the report.

It was noted that the Legal Notice advertising the description of the DPPO boundary at Appendix 2 had incorrectly referred to Cherry Row (not Cherry Road); however advice had been obtained that this would not prevent the implementation of the DPPO. Members noted that no objections to the proposed DPPO had been received during the consultation process and discussed the following

- The measures now in place to tackle the recent spate of vandalism at Harehills cemetery
- The source of alcohol – whether it be local supermarkets, off-licences or public houses

Members considered the evidence before them and were satisfied that the statutory test had been met and that the implementation of a DPPO in this locality would provide a remedy to the problems outlined in the report

(Councillor Hanley joined the meeting at this point)

RESOLVED –

- a) That approval be given for a Designated Public Places Order to be made in respect of the Burmantofts area as set out in Appendix 2 of the submitted report and detailed in the map attached at Appendix 3
- b) That the Director of Environment and Neighbourhoods be authorised to advertise the making of the Order, to procure the required signage and to carry out any further steps necessary to bring the Order into force

52 Sexual Entertainment Venues - Update

The minutes of the last Sexual Entertainment Venues Working Group meeting held on 26th November 2010 were submitted for information. The minutes provided an update on the proposed Statement of Licensing Policy for Sexual Entertainment Venues

(Councillor Wilkinson joined the meeting at this point)

The Committee discussed the following:

- the 2003 statistics referred to by the guest speaker showing an increase in the number of incidents near to lap dancing venues. It was confirmed that these were national statistics and not local to Leeds.

- the open invitation to all Members of the Committee to attend the WG
- the value of undertaking site visits to inform the creation of the Policy by the WG
- the value of Sub Committees undertaking unannounced site visits associated with future applications once the Policy is established

RESOLVED – To note the minutes of the last Sexual Entertainment Venue Working Group

53 Licensing Work Programme

RESOLVED - To note the contents of the Licensing work programme for the remainder of the 2010/11 Municipal Year

54 Date and Time of Next Meeting

RESOLVED – To note the date and time of the next meeting as Tuesday 18th January 2011 at 10.00 am