

CITY OF DURHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Licensing Committee held on Friday 14th February 2020 at 11:00 in Office 2, Clayport library building, 8 Millennium PI, DH1 1WA.

Present: Councillors E Ashby, R Cornwell and A Doig

Also present: A Shanley (Clerk) and Elsa Kent (member of the public and organiser of Durfest)

Cllr E Ashby in the Chair

1. TO RECEIVE ANY APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllrs L Brown, D Freeman and C Reeves.

2. TO RECEIVE ANY DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST FROM MEMBERS

None received.

3. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None received.

4. TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE LAST LICENSING COMMITTEE, HELD ON 31ST JANUARY 2020

The Minutes of the meeting held on 31st January 2020 were unanimously agreed as a true and accurate record of proceedings.

5. DISCUSSION WITH ELSA KENT, PRESIDENT OF DURFEST REGARDING MUSIC EVENT IN DURHAM CITY ON 6TH JUNE 2020

The Chair welcomed Elsa Kent to the meeting. Elsa advised that she is the president and organiser of the Durfest event. Elsa advised that Durfest is a live music event due to take place on 6th June this year at the rugby club grounds. Elsa advised that the event is aimed at bringing the community together, tackling the "town and gown" feeling around community cohesion and also to put a spotlight on the climate crisis – an issue which involves and concerns all generations. Elsa advised that Durham was missing a big live music event and hoped that Durfest would be a big success and something which would continue for years to come.

Elsa advised that she was really keen to get the views of the community on this event as she will be submitting a full licensing application.

The event will hopefully have over 6,000 attendees with live bands playing during the day and other attractions at the event.

Cllr A Doig asked about security at the event and Elsa advised that she had been working with both the police and the county council's Safety Advisory Group on organising this and the event will be working with the University's preferred security firm for the day.

Cllr R Cornwell asked if there were bands which appealed to all ages at the event. Elsa advised that there were a number of different bands from different genres to ensure that there is an appeal for everyone.

Cllr E Ashby advised that the event is very close to Whinney Hill where there were a lot of complaints about late-night noise. Elsa advised that she had been working with the Environmental Health team at the County Council on this. The event's location had a number of good natural acoustic barriers such as a hill between the event and the local residential area. In addition, sound equipment was more effective at keeping the sound within the boundary of the event is going to be used to further mitigate against late-night disturbance. Cllr R Cornwell asked how much the tickets would be priced at. Elsa advised that there were certain tiers but between £25 – £40 per ticket. In addition, family tickets would also be available for the event and Elsa was applying for grants to fund approximately 100 tickets for those members of the community who wouldn't ordinarily be able to afford to participate in this event. There being no further queries, the Chair thanked Elsa for her attendance and Elsa left the meeting.

6. UPDATE ON RECENT LICENSING APPLICATIONS

The Clerk reported that he had been made aware of a large number of objections for the Jovial application; including from the local residents' groups, the local MP, Durham University and Durham Students Union. No update yet as to whether this is going to Committee.

7. TO CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING LICENSING APPLICATION:

Fighting Cocks. Minor variation application

It was **agreed** to note this application, but submitted a comment to state that the operating schedule should be amended to replace "should" with "must" in relation to staff training.

Durham University - South College Pitcairn Building. Application to grant a club premises certificate.

It was **agreed** to object to this application under the objectives of preventing a public nuisance and preventing crime and disorder.

Durham University - John Snow College. Application to grant a club premises certificate

It was **agreed** to object to this application under the objectives of preventing a public nuisance and preventing crime and disorder.

The Curious Mr Fox. New premises licence application

It was **agreed** to object to this application under the objectives of preventing crime and disorder, preventing a public nuisance, protecting children from harm and public safety

There being no further business, the Chair thanked Members for their attendance and closed the meeting.

Signed,

Chair of the City of Durham Parish Council Licensing Committee