

CITY OF DURHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Licensing Committee held on Friday 28th August at 14:00 via Zoom.

Present: Councillors E Ashby, R Cornwell and C Reeves.
Also present: A Shanley (Clerk).

Cllr E Ashby in the Chair

1. Welcome and apologies

Apologies were received from Cllrs L Brown, A Doig and D Freeman.

2. To receive any declarations of interest from members

None received.

3. To receive and approve as a correct record the minutes of the meeting on 14 August 2020

The minutes of the meeting held on 14th August 2020 were unanimously agreed as a true and accurate record of proceedings.

4. To receive any public participation comments on the following agenda items

None received.

5. Proposal from Durham Police to fund an enhanced drug testing facility

The Clerk advised that he had been in further dialogue with the Harm Reduction Unit at Durham Police, following the presentation from Inspector Siobhan Jones at the previous meeting, regarding the proposal that the Parish Council potentially funds an enhanced drug tracking service in licensed premises using a specially trained dog.

The Clerk advised that he had received a quote of £600 per session for this service and confirmation that the Parish Council may select a preferred date for these searches to take place.

The Committee **agreed** to a proposal of two sessions, totalling a cost of £1,200, being funded by the Parish Council to go forward as a recommendation for approval to Full Council.

Members also **agreed** that the end of October and December in the run up to Christmas would be their preferred times for these searches to take place in licensed premises.

6. Preparing for the hackney carriages and private hire vehicles DCC policy consultation

The Clerk advised Members that the consultation on Durham County Council's hackney carriages and private hire vehicles policy is soon to commence. The Clerk advised that he had discussed this with the Team Leader of the Licensing team at Durham County Council who had advised that this consultation has come

about following the publication of newly updated guidance from Government to local authorities on their hackney carriages and private hire vehicles licensing policy.

The Clerk reminded Members of a recent communication proposing that the Parish Council seeks the support of a professional barrister in responding to this consultation given the significance of taxis in particular on the parish. Members felt that this would not be necessary in this particular situation and **agreed** to respond to the consultation as a Committee.

The Clerk advised that he would inform Members as and when the consultation is live.

7. Update on recent licensing applications

The Clerk advised that Coviello had been successful in securing its license, with conditions attached.

The Clerk also advised that the Committee's agreed objection had been submitted to DCC and that the Parish Council is awaiting a response to this.

8. To consider the following licensing applications:

Discovering Durham CIC

Members considered the application from Discovering Durham CIC for the sale of alcohol (off the premises) Monday to Sunday 10:00am to 6:00pm.

It was **agreed** that the Committee would be minded to note this application depending on further information being requested as part of the premises' proposed operating schedule.

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

Signed,



Chair of the City of Durham Parish Council Licensing Committee

