

# CITY OF DURHAM PARISH COUNCIL

## **Minutes of a meeting of the Licensing Committee held on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> January 2021 at 14:00 via Zoom.**

Present: Councillors E Ashby, R Cornwell and D Freeman.

Also present: A Shanley (Clerk) and Mr Barry Gower (member of the public)

**Cllr L Brown** in the Chair

### **1. Welcome and apologies**

Apologies were received from Cllr A Doig.

### **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 4 December 2020**

The minutes of the meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> December 2020 were unanimously agreed as a true and accurate record of proceedings.

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

Mr Barry Gower advised that he was attending the meeting as Chair of the Durham Access Group to hear discussions on item 7 of the Agenda.

The Clerk also advised that he had been receiving regular complaints from two residents (from the same household) regarding the Dominos store on North Road. The Clerk advised that the County Council's licensing enforcement team were looking into this matter and that they would report back to the Clerk in due course.

### **5. Progressing the best run licensed premises in Durham City award**

Members considered the criteria and the practicalities of organising the best run licensed premises in Durham City award.

It was suggested that how community-focused a premises is as well as its ability to promote social interaction between different demographics may be possible criteria for such an award.

It was **agreed** that Members should do some research on other schemes across the country and then report back with any suggestions for criteria and judging at the next licensing committee meeting.

It was also **agreed** that possible judges for such an award may include police officers, licensing officers, Parish Councillors, etc.

The Clerk advised that he would contact CAMRA about their best-run pub awards scheme to see if this could inform the work on this.

### **6. Assessment of a Cumulative Impact Area for Durham City**

The Chair expressed her disappointment that Durham City did not meet the criteria for this.

The Clerk advised that the Local Authority does have devolved authority to be able to introduce a cumulative impact area in specific locations, however he had been advised that the County Council had asked a specialist third party to review this request and provide feedback on whether this would be possible for parts of Durham City.

The Clerk also advised that the possibility of introducing a cumulative impact area to Durham City may be reviewed once every three years.

The Committee considered the report provided by DCC on the cumulative impact area assessment

Members expressed a desire to know more about the criteria used to assess this request and also by what margin Durham City failed in evidence for the CIA to be introduced.

It was agreed that the Clerk should email the third party directly and ask them about the criteria used, how close Durham is to a threshold (if indeed there is one), etc and report back to Members as soon as possible.

### **7. Use of A boards in Durham City Centre**

Mr Barry Bower advised that a very thorough disability audit of Durham City had been undertaken by an Inclusive Design Consultant and that the Durham Access Group had put together a report with suggestions on how to deal with the issue of A frames in Durham City. It was agreed that Barry should send a copy of both the audits and the Access Group's response to these audits and the suggestions about A frames in Durham City through to the Clerk and for Members to consider what further action ought to be taken on this.

### **8. Consideration of the following licensing applications:**

#### **Lebanat - 47 North Bailey Durham City DH1 3ET**

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

#### **Durham Gin Ltd - 26 High Street Prince Bishops Durham DH1 3UJ**

It was **agreed** to object to this application under the licensing objective of protection of children from harm.

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**