

CITY OF DURHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Licensing Committee held on Tuesday 2nd November 2021 at 16:30 via Zoom.

Present: Councillors S Walker (in the Chair), E Ashby, A Doig and G Nair.

Also present: A Shanley (Clerk), Paul Howard (Durham BID), Graeme Smith (Lane 7) and Mike Phillips (Fat Hippo).

1. Welcome and apologies

Apologies were received from Cllr N Brown.

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 19th October 2021

The minutes of the meeting held on 19th October 2021 were unanimously agreed as a true and accurate record of proceedings.

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

Mr Paul Howard advised that he was attending the meeting to contribute to the discussion under item 7 of the Agenda.

Mr Graeme Smith advised that he was attending the meeting to contribute to the discussion under item 6 of the Agenda.

Mr Mike Phillips advised that he was attending the meeting to contribute to the discussion under item 5 of the Agenda.

5. Discussion with the representative of Fat Hippo regarding their recent licensing application in Durham City

The Chair welcomed Mr Mike Phillips, Managing Director of Fat Hippo, to the meeting.

Mr Mike Phillips set out the reasons for his application, stating that the business already uses Deliveroo as a delivery company and has done for some time now. Mr Phillips advised that this application was to allow for the delivery of alcohol with orders to take place.

Committee Members set out their concerns regarding the public safety implications of having more vehicular movements on Saddler Street. Mr Phillips advised that he is unable to specify what type of vehicle collects the order and advised that this can vary from order to order.

The Committee considered all of the information provided and **agreed** to withdraw its objection to the application. This was on the basis of the applicant committed to circulate a message to Deliveroo reminding them about travelling safely up Saddler Street and not carrying out U-turns or other dangerous manoeuvres on this road.

At this point, Mr Phillips thanked the Committee and left the meeting.

6. Discussion with the representative of Lane 7 regarding their recent licensing application in Durham City

The Chair welcomed Mr Graeme Smith, Chief Operating Officer for Lane 7, to the meeting.

Mr Graeme Smith set out the reasons for his application and advised that Lane 7 is very much looking forward to coming to Durham City.

Committee Members set out their concerns to Mr Smith regarding the protection of children from harm, preventing crime and disorder and promoting public safety. In particular, the playing of beer pong and having a designated safeguarding officer in post at all times.

Mr Graeme Smith advised that beer pong is sold as a package with alcohol not being sold any cheaper as part of this package and with beer pong tables only able to be used for 30 minutes at any one time. The Committee agreed that this satisfied its concerns around this aspect of its objection.

The Committee **agreed** to withdraw its objection on the basis of the following conditions being attached to the license:

1. A Challenge 25 Policy being introduced.
2. All staff must be trained in safeguarding of young people.
3. Personal License Holders must be on site at all times and the rota for timings for door staff must be agreed with the Licensing Authority for specific dates and times.

Mr Graeme Smith also advised that there is to be no go-karting at the Durham site. At this point, Mr Graeme Smith thanked the Committee and left the meeting.

7. Discussion with Durham BID and St. Cuthbert's society regarding the best licensed premises in Durham awards

Mr Paul Howard advised that he had been contacted by St. Cuthbert's society regarding the promotion of a responsible night-time economy in Durham City and advised that the group is looking to re-establish Pubwatch and the Purple Flag scheme in the City.

Paul advised that he was very keen to see Durham City go for a national accreditation for the night economy. Paul advised that he had experience of Purple Flag schemes and, if the Committee is minded to support this, Paul advised that he would look to make this scheme cost-free for businesses.

Paul advised that Pubwatch would need to be re-established before the City goes for any national accreditation.

The Clerk advised that he understood that Pubwatch is still in operation.

Paul advised that Pubwatch could be re-established at relatively low cost.

The Clerk reminded the Committee that the Parish Council has agreed to launch its award scheme at the end of January 2022, with a budget of £1,500 agreed for this.

The Committee **agreed** to look to re-establish Pubwatch prior to launching any scheme. The Clerk **agreed** to investigate this further.

8. Consideration of recent news regarding Durham University student boycott of nightclubs

The Committee expressed its concerns about the recent news of spiking taking place in licensed premises.

The Committee **agreed** a set of actions to promote safety at night time; including:

The Clerk **agreed** to arrange the agreed enhanced dog sniffing drug tracing scheme with Durham Police.

The Parish Council to promote the City Safety Group's safe route home map.

The Parish Council engaging in a dialogue with the night time economy premises owners through Pubwatch on these issues as and when it is re-established.

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

Signed,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A. A. White', with a long, sweeping underline.

Chair of the City of Durham Parish Council Licensing Committee