

CITY OF DURHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Licensing Committee held on Monday 21st March 2022 at 16:30 via Zoom.

Present: Councillors S Walker (in the Chair), E Ashby and N Brown.

Also present: A Shanley (Parish Clerk).

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 7th February 2022

The minutes of the meeting held on 7th February 2022 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. Parish Council's licensing award for Durham City

Members noted that 5 applications had been submitted in response to the Parish Council's best-run licensed premises award from private premises. No applications were submitted from any of the University's college bars.

The Committee expressed disappointment at the low uptake of this award scheme and it was **agreed** that the Committee should review how it communicates these schemes with businesses going forward.

The Committee also **agreed** that the length of time available for businesses to apply should be extended for future competitions.

With no applications from college bars, it was agreed that the £200 funding for this criterion be split for a 2nd, 3rd and 4th Prize (£100 and £50 each respectively).

Members **agreed** the winners of the best-run licensed competition as follows:

1st place – The Colpitts Hotel.

2nd place – Fram Ferment

Joint 3rd place – Half Moon Inn and Rib N Reef

It was also **agreed** that the Parish Council should seek to be a formal stakeholder in Durham Pubwatch.

6. Update on enhanced drug search of licensed premises

The Clerk reminded Members that the enhanced drug search would be taking place on 25th and 26th March 2022. The Clerk advised that he, Cllrs S Walker and E Ashby would be attending the safety hub on Friday 25th March and they would meet the dog handler at the hub.

7. To consider the following new licensing application(s) in the parish:

Application by New World Trading Company (UK) Ltd for The Botanist Unit 8 The Waterside DH1 4FX – It was **agreed** to object to this application under the licensing objective of preventing a public nuisance.

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', written in a cursive style.

**Chair of the City of Durham Parish Council Licensing Committee
(4th April 2022)**