

Licensing Sub Committee (Miscellaneous)

Friday 11 December 2009

PRESENT:

Councillor Mrs Bowyer, in the Chair.
Councillor Delbridge, Vice Chair.
Councillor Gordon.

The meeting started at 10.00 am and finished at 12.30 pm.

Note: At a future meeting, the committee will consider the accuracy of these draft minutes, so they may be subject to change. Please check the minutes of that meeting to confirm whether these minutes have been amended.

24. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR

Resolved that Councillor Mrs Bowyer be appointed as Chair and Councillor Delbridge be appointed as Vice Chair for this meeting.

25. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest in accordance with the code of conduct.

26. CHAIR'S URGENT BUSINESS

There were no items of Chair's Urgent Business.

27. REVIEW OF PREMISES LICENCE - MAXINES, 89/91 UNION STREET, PLYMOUTH

The Committee having heard –

- (i) representations from Devon and Cornwall Police under the Crime Prevention objective that:
- on the 15 November 2009 there had been serious disorder at the premises and 3 people had been assaulted and door supervisors from the premises were involved;
 - the police felt there had been a lack of control at the front of house, club watch radio was not being used and there was a lack of communication with between the door staff;
 - there had been problems with people queuing outside the premises which had the potential to contribute to disorder;
 - there had previously been problems with downloading CCTV images;
 - there was a problem with a blind spot at the front of the premises not covered by CCTV;
 - there had been earlier incidents at the premises in the summer of 2009 where a gentleman was assaulted;
 - the police had concerns over the management of the premises during Mid October to mid November;

- most problems with the premises occurred from 0200 hours onwards and mainly on a Friday and Saturday;
- the police put forward a number of conditions which they confirmed addressed all of their concerns in relation to this review;

(ii) from the premises licence holder and his representative that:

- he had changed his door security company;
- he was in the process of ensuring that more staff were personal licence holders and had enlisted the assistance of other personal licence holders to work at the premises.
- he had updated his CCTV system and that the CCTV company were providing training in relation to the downloading of the images;
- polycarbonate drinking vessels were being used on a voluntary basis after 2300hours;
- Mr McTighe would be taking over as DPS within the next 7 days;
- all conditions imposed as interim conditions had been adhered to and procedures had generally been improved upon;
- there had been no further problems at the premises since the review proceedings were commenced;
- he was happy to accept the conditions put forward by the Police.

The committee considered that all representations were relevant and resolved that in order to promote the Crime Prevention Licensing Objective all conditions put forward by the Police and agreed with the premises licence holder would be applied to the licence.

The committee further resolved that on the coming into effect of these conditions the interim steps imposed on the 18 November 2009 would cease to have effect.

- 1 Whenever the DPS is not available, another person who must be a Personal Licence Holder will be nominated to supervise the premises at all times of trading;
- 2 All bottles and glasses will be removed from public areas as soon as they are finished with or empty;
- 3 Signs will be at the exits requesting persons leave quietly, have respect for the neighbourhood and in an orderly manner;
- 4 The DPS will provide CCTV images promptly requested by Police in the course of any criminal investigations;
- 5 An additional camera will be installed to cover the main entrance and exit of persons outside the venue;
- 6 The queuing of customers entering the premises will be managed to ensure orderly behaviour and in a way to allow free passage of pedestrians along the footpath;

- 7 No persons carrying open or sealed bottles or glasses will be admitted to the premises at any time during opening hours;
- 8 No customers will be permitted to take open containers of alcoholic or soft drinks from the premises;
- 9 A clubwatch radio will be used and monitored at all times of trading after 2300hrs;
- 10 Door supervisors and management will have a means of internal communication (radio) allowing staff contact with other staff whilst in different parts of the premises;
- 11 A minimum of two door supervisors will be employed from 2300hrs to 0200hrs. If capacity exceeds 100 persons a minimum of three door supervisors will be employed;
- 12 From 0200hrs a minimum of three supervisors will be employed until close of business. If capacity exceeds 125 persons, four door supervisors will be employed;
- 13 One door supervisor will remain in position at the entrance door at all times;
- 14 Capacity levels will be monitored by used of a clicker system;
- 15 There will be no admission to customers after 0400hrs to close of business. There will be no re-entry of any customers who have left the premises after 0400hrs under any circumstances.

28. **EXEMPT BUSINESS**

There were no items of exempt business.