

Licensing Sub Committee

Monday 1 October 2012

PRESENT:

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

Also in attendance: Graham Watson – Lawyer, Lucy Seymour and David McIndoe for Devon and Cornwall Police, Linda Perez – Licensing Officer, Sharon Day – Lawyer and Amelia Boulter – Democratic Support Officer.

The meeting started at 10.15 am and finished at 11.30 am.

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.

40. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR

Agreed that Councillor Rennie is appointed Chair and Councillor Gordon is appointed as Vice Chair for this meeting.

41. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

42. CHAIR'S URGENT BUSINESS

There were no Chair's urgent business.

43. REVIEW OF PREMISES LICENCE - VENUE, 99 - 101 UNION STREET

The committee:

a. Considered the:

- Application from Devon and Cornwall constabulary for a review of the premises licence at 99 - 101 Union Street known as The Venue under section 53A of the Licensing Act 2003;
- The certificate issued under section 53A(1)(b) of the Licensing Act 2003 signed by Superintendent Christopher Singer, that in his opinion the premises are associated with both serious crime and serious disorder;

- Representations from the premises licence holder's representatives that the problems had been down to the door security company who had now been sacked but there was no new security company in place yet. That they disagreed with some of the evidence from the police and said that they recorded incidents within the log book and provided CCTV to the Police immediately. They did not believe it was necessary to suspend the licence as they believed that a new door security company would address the problems.

Having considered the above the committee was:

- satisfied that serious crime and serious disorder is occurring on the premises which is affecting the promotion of the crime prevention licensing objective and that it is necessary and appropriate to take interim steps to promote the licensing objectives.

Members agreed that it was proportionate to suspend the premises licence with immediate effect in order to promote the crime prevention objective to prevent serious crime occurring on the premises as the committee did not consider that conditions, removal of Designated Premises Supervisor or removal of alcohol sales would promote the licensing objectives as the issues at the premises were down to deeper management problems.