

LICENSING COMMITTEE

WEDNESDAY 12 FEBRUARY 2014 AT 3.02 pm

PRESENT: Councillor Bell (Chairman) Councillors Allison, Betton, C Bowman (as substitute for Councillor Mrs Parsons) Cape, Craig, Ms Franklin, Morton, Scarborough, Mrs Stevenson, Mrs Warwick.

OFFICERS: Legal Services Manager
Licensing Manager

LC.01/14 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

An apology for absence was submitted on behalf of Councillor Mrs Parsons.

LC.02/14 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest affecting the business to be transacted at the meeting.

LC.03/14 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the meetings held on 16 October 2013 be agreed as a correct record of the meetings and signed by the Chairman.

LC.04/14 UPDATE ON LICENSING ACT 2003

The Licensing Manager presented report GD.05/14 giving Members an update on the applications under the Licensing Act 2003.

The Licensing Manager reported on the licence figures as 31 January 2014. He reported that all fees under the Licensing Act were fixed by Central Government and would be reviewed to ensure that Licensing Authorities recovered the full cost of administering the licensing function.

He reminded the Committee that the Government were still considering further de-regulation of regulated entertainment and the future of the personal licence system for alcohol licensing. He outlined the areas which would be considered and explained that he would respond to any consultation on the subject.

The Licensing Manager reported that the Local Government Association, Association of Chief Police Officers and the British Beer and Pub Association had produced a booklet in preparation for the World Cup entitled 'Managing World Cup Success' which provided advice for licensees prior to the World Cup. Most of the games would be broadcast live and some would finish in the early hours of the morning, UK time, it was expected that liquor licensed premises would wish to take advantage of those hours and extend their opening hours as appropriate.

The booklet had been circulated to licensed premises, would be available on the City Council website and a press release would be issued at the appropriate time.

The Licensing Manager informed the Committee that the violent crime figures for the Christmas period had been published and Carlisle had seen a massive reduction especially in the City Centre. There had been approximately 60% less assaults than two years ago with the actual figures reducing from 63 to 27. The figure reflected the effort being made with regard to the night time economy by all agencies involved. He outlined a number of initiatives that had been undertaken to reduce crime and anti social behaviour.

RESOLVED – That Report GD.05/14 be noted.

LC.05/14 GAMBLING ACT 2005 –UPDATE

The Licensing Manager presented report GD.06/14 giving Members an update on applications made under the Gambling Act 2005.

The Licensing Manager highlighted the licence figures as at 31 January 2014.

He reported that officers continued to visit local gambling premises to meet managers and answer any queries under the legislation. The Licensing team were also carrying out inspections, with the Compliance Manager from the Gambling Commissions.

RESOLVED – That Report GD.06/14 be noted.

(The meeting ended at 3.05pm)