

BOROUGH OF BARROW-IN-FURNESS

LICENSING COMMITTEE

Meeting, Thursday 12th March, 2015
On rising of the Licensing Regulatory
Committee (Drawing Room)

A G E N D A

PART ONE

1. To note any items which the Chairman considers to be of an urgent nature.
2. To receive notice from Members who may wish to move any delegated matter non-delegated and which will be decided by a majority of Members present and voting at the meeting.
3. Admission of Public and Press

To consider whether the public and press should be excluded from the meeting during consideration of any of the items on the agenda.
4. Declarations of Interest.

To receive declarations by Members and/or co-optees of interests in respect of items on this Agenda.

Members are reminded that, in accordance with the revised Code of Conduct, they are required to declare any disclosable pecuniary interests or other registrable interests which have not already been declared in the Council's Register of Interests. (It is a criminal offence not to declare a disclosable pecuniary interest either in the Register or at the meeting).

Members may however, also decide, in the interests of clarity and transparency, to declare at this point in the meeting, any such disclosable pecuniary interests which they have already declared in the Register, as well as any other registrable or other interests.
5. Apologies for Absence/Attendance of Substitute Members.
6. To confirm the Minutes of the meeting held on 6th February, 2014 and the Special Meeting held on 25th February, 2015 (copies attached).

Membership of Committee

Callister (Chairman)
Irwin (Vice Chairman)
Biggins
Derbyshire
Graham
W. McClure
Maddox
Opie
Pemberton
Roberts
Seward
Wall

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LICENSING COMMITTEE

Meeting: Thursday 6th February, 2014
at 3.07 p.m.

PRESENT:- Councillors Callister (Chairman), Irwin (Vice-Chairman), Biggins, Graham, Maddox, Opie, Pemberton, Seward and Wall.

55 – Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Derbyshire and Roberts.

56 – Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting held on 19th December, 2013 were taken as read and confirmed.

57 – Barrow Alcohol Inquiry Working Party

The Senior Environmental Health Officer (Licensing and Health and Safety) submitted a report seeking nominations for membership on a Working Party to consider the issues raised by the recent Barrow Alcohol Inquiry. He reported that in October 2013 the report 'Talking Drink: Taking Action - The Barrow Alcohol Inquiry' had been commissioned by Cumbria County Council in partnership with the Cumbria Clinical Commissioning Group. The report had made a number of recommendations which could be examined through the establishment of a Working Party.

Based on advice obtained from the Democratic Services Manager on the appropriate proportionality and make up of a Working Party, nominations had been sought on a proportionate basis, 3 from the Labour Group and 1 from the Conservative Group.

RESOLVED:- (i) To agree the appointments to the Barrow Alcohol Inquiry Working Party (3 Labour: 1 Conservative) as Councillors Callister, Graham, Maddox and Pemberton; and

(ii) That the Working Party would examine the findings of the Inquiry and consider what action could be undertaken to support the recommendations, reporting back to the Licensing Committee.

The meeting closed at 3.11 p.m.

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LICENSING COMMITTEE

Special Meeting: Wednesday 25th February, 2015
at 10.00 a.m.

PRESENT:- Councillors Callister (Chairman), Graham, Maddox, Opie, Pemberton, Roberts, Seward and Wall.

Officers Present:- Owen Broadhead, Senior Environmental Health Officer (Licensing), Jennifer Curtis, Licensing Officer, Jane Holden, Deputy Monitoring Officer and Sharron Rushton, Democratic Services Officer.

Legal Representative – Mr Paul O'Donnell.

Police Representatives – Chief Inspector Bosson (Cumbria Constabulary), Sergeant McIntosh (Cumbria Constabulary) and Catherine Cooke, Analyst (Cumbria Constabulary).

58 – Apologies for Absence/Attendance of Substitute Members

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Irwin (Vice-Chairman) and Derbyshire.

59 – Application for the Adoption of a Special Cumulative Impact Policy

The Senior Environmental Health Officer (Licensing) submitted a report regarding an application made by Superintendent Mark Pannone of Cumbria Constabulary for Barrow Borough Council as the Licensing Authority to adopt a Special Cumulative Impact Policy for a defined area of Barrow Town Centre due to high levels of crime and disorder taking place. The adoption of any policy required a change to the Council's Statement of Licensing Policy and therefore a three month period of consultation would be required.

A copy of the application was attached at Appendix 1 to the report and a map showing the licensed premises within the area covered by the application was attached at Appendix 2. Additional information on cumulative impact in the Council's Statement of Licensing Policy was attached at Appendix 3 and the National Guidance relating to cumulative impact was attached at Appendix 4 for Members' Information.

The consultation responses would be brought back before the Committee at a later date. After considering all the evidence and the consultation responses, Members would then consider if they were satisfied that it was appropriate to include a special policy relating to cumulative impact in the Statement of Licensing Policy.

Three Officers from Cumbria Constabulary had been invited to today's meeting and addressed the Committee.

It was moved by Councillor Callister and seconded by Councillor Roberts that the application from Cumbria Constabulary for a Special Cumulative Impact Policy be noted and a decision regarding undertaking a three month consultation period be deferred until further information and data from Cumbria Constabulary and Council Officers was obtained.

RESOLVED:- (i) That Members note the application from Cumbria Constabulary for a Special Cumulative Impact Policy; and

(ii) To defer making a decision regarding undertaking a three month consultation period until the following information and data from Cumbria Constabulary and Council Officers was obtained and presented to Members:-

- (a) Crime figures for the last 6 years covering beats SO2, SO3 and SO4 summarising:
 - the number of criminal complaints made;
 - the number of criminal convictions secured.
- (b) Any supporting anecdotal evidence of the positive impact Special Cumulative Impact Policies have had in other Licensing Authority areas as a means of addressing cumulative impact;
- (c) Details of how many Special Cumulative Impact Policies were in place in England;
- (d) An explanation as to why the boundary of the proposed Special Cumulative Impact Policy covered such a large area;
- (e) Alcohol related admissions/attendances (ideally attributed to the night time economy) from Special Cumulative Impact Policy area to Furness General Hospital over the last 6 years;
- (f) Heat map showing the proposed Special Cumulative Impact Policy area for the last 6 years showing the location where complaints of offences against the person and anti-social disorder took place;
- (g) In respect of the proposed Special Cumulative Impact Policy area, for each of the last 6 years:
 - the number of new applications which were made for licensed premises by type; and
 - the number of active licensed premises.

The meeting closed at 12.15 p.m.