

Minutes of the Late Night Levy Board Meeting

Thursday 14 March 2019

Room 106, Hackney Town Hall

Attendance

Emma Plouviez	Chair of the Licensing Committee	EP
Robert Gardner	Enforcement and Business Regulation	RG
David Tuitt	Licensing Service	DT
Martin Rolston	Metropolitan Police	MRo
Paul Merry	Shoreditch Pubwatch	PM
William Knowles-Mofford	Shoreditch Pubwatch	WKM
Jeremy Ledlin	Dalston Pubwatch	JL
Cory Defore	Economic Regeneration	CD
Maggie Ryan	Stoke Newington Pubwatch	MRy
Maurice Mason	Community Safety	MM
Caroline Selman	Cabinet Member for Community Safety, Policy and the Voluntary Sector	CS

		Actions
1.	Chairs introduction, round table introductions and apologies There were apologies from Olga Vandenberg. CD attending on behalf of Economic Regeneration.	Noted
2.	Minutes of the last meeting and matters arising Minutes of 14 December 2018 accepted as a true record. Matters arising in relation to Stoke Newington incident to be discussed on main agenda.	Noted
3.	Update on collections and receipts to date DT reported £211,765 collected to date during Year 2. £332K surplus remains from Year 1.	Noted
4	LBH Update and options RG referred to briefing paper that had been circulated with agenda. Agreement for Police spend with MOPAC now signed, will formally commence in April. Late Night Levy Manager post has been offered and verbally accepted. Internal HR process now commenced. Uniform Enforcement Officer patrols continue as appearing to have an impact. RG also briefed on 'Patrol plus' as per handout. RG explored creation of noise liaison officer. Commercial noise nuisance linked to NTE is an area of extreme demand. Post would be to provide constructive advice and support to operators where there are noise concerns. Officer would not be involved in enforcement. JL/PM commented and express concern in relation to competence of officers available and whether such a post is necessary, however will raise at	Noted Noted/RG JL, PM, MRy

	<p>meetings. Agreed that it would need more discussion. EP added that the Levy Manager could assess this as a possibility.</p> <p>RG mentioned possible use of 'welfare bus' used by City of London. Bus originates from Chelmsford and is used as support vehicle, first aid etc.</p> <p>DT reported an initial assessment carried out by pop-up toilet supplier to LB Camden, Islington, City of London and City of Westminster. Exploring whether pop-up toilets could be installed in key NTE areas where problems of on-street urination occur. Currently the Council places portable urinals at Old Street fire station, Hoxton Market and Hoxton Square. However these only cater for males. Would seek to install pop-up toilets in strategic locations which can be used by females as one type (combi) has a cubicle as well as two urinals. Initial cost of pop-up can be high, but saving over longer term plus can reduce on-street urination creating cleaner environment. Proposals to be developed.</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>DT</p>
<p>5.</p>	<p>Police Update and Options</p> <p>MRO reported on and discussed Police plans and reported change to shift pattern allows cover to 06:00 although exact details to be finalised.</p> <p>Licensing now responsibility of Insp Jason Smith. Focus on engagement and compliance. Officers working with Pubwatches across the daytime.</p> <p>Licensing will continue daytime focus with 1 sergeant and 6 PCs, Task force consists of 4 sergeants and 48 PCs. Premises being mapped where licence authorises activity after midnight. Additional activities around Bank Holidays. Also analysing emerging crime trends.</p> <p>Officers are segregated from response teams so can remain dedicated to tackling the issues arising from the NTE.</p> <p>All welcomed the plans. PM added proactive rather than reactive approach much more effective. JL stressed importance of including flexibility, so events such as bank holidays, Easter, Halloween etc are covered. CS suggested press release/media coverage to publicise launch.</p>	<p>Noted/MRO</p>
<p>6.</p>	<p>Pubwatch representatives options and observations</p> <p>MRy raised radio scheme and noted that only 4-5 premises in Stoke Newington are linked by radio, to improve communication currently relied on by Whatsapp group. Discussed options around costs of handsets, lease, subscriptions etc. CD suggested obtaining a quote from Council supplier.</p> <p>MRy reported on incident on 9 February. Approx. 150 members of travelling community visited pubs in the area and some issues arose. Police were called but only 4 officers could attend. A number of premises had no choice but to close early. PM queried if Council still employed liaison officer.</p> <p>MR advised dial 999 if issues reoccur on St Patricks Day.</p>	<p>DT</p> <p>Noted</p>

	<p>PM reported work with DrinkAware keen to expand “Crew” project. DrinkAware would seek Hackney endorsement. Would cost around £1500 to develop and roll out scheme across the Borough.</p> <p>WKM added that there are other training schemes being explored. Added no rush to spend surplus – value for money key driver.</p> <p>EP queried whether venues could introduce ‘Safe Haven’ or similar. PM replied that only a handful of venues in Shoreditch would have the space however can explore with operators. Tends to be more suited to large capacity venues.</p> <p>JL reported that Dalston still has problem with NOX balloon sellers/illegal street trading. Departing customers being targeted from 3 to 6am. Operators happy to share intel on suspects. MRo to discuss with Sgt Guy Hicks. JL</p> <p>MRo suggested a Ward Panel style approach to Pubwatch; e.g what are the top 3 priorities for each Pubwatch?</p>	<p>PM/WKM</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>MRo</p> <p>JL, PM, MRy</p>
<p>7.</p>	<p>Any other business N/A</p>	
	<p>Date of next meeting Thursday 6 June 2019 @ 2pm in Room 114, Hackney Town Hall</p> <p><i>Then:</i> <i>Thursday 5 September 2019 @ 2pm, location TBC</i> <i>Thursday 5 December 2019 @ 2pm, location TBC</i></p>	<p>Noted</p>