

Minutes of the Late Night Levy Board Meeting

August 20th, 2020 @ 14:00pm via Zoom

Present:

Cllr Emma Plouviez (EP) – Chair, also chair of Licensing Committee
 Gerry McCarthy (GC) - LBH - Head of Community Safety, Enforcement and Business Regulation
 Samantha Mathys (SM) - LBH - Late Night Levy Manager
 William Knowles-Moffard (WKM) – Shoreditch Pubwatch
 Margaret Ryan (MRy) – Stoke Newington Pubwatch
 Jack Soilleux (JS) - Dalston Pubwatch
 Adam Popple (APO) - Hackney Central Pubwatch
 Andy Port (AP) - Met Police

Apologies

Cllr Caroline Selman (CS) - Cabinet member for Community Safety
 Robert Gardner (RG) - LBH - Business Regulation & Enforcement
 David Tuit (DT) - LBH - Licensing Team Leader
 Olga Vandenberg (OV) - LBH - Business Communications & Engagement Officer
 Emma Wynne (EW) - LBH - Communications Officer
 Sam Horton - Met Police
 Maurice Mason - LBH - Community Safety

<p>1. Chairs Introduction and Round table introductions & Apologies</p> <p>The Chair Cllr EP introduced herself and asked everyone else present to do the same.</p>	<p><i>Action</i></p> <p><i>Noted</i></p>
<p>2. Minutes of meeting December & matters arising</p> <p>Minutes of July accepted as a true record.</p>	<p><i>Noted</i></p>
<p>3. LBH - Late Night Levy Update</p> <p>Update</p> <p>SM presented the Late Night Levy update for August 2020, see attached papers.</p> <p>SM shared the sign up link for the portal: hackneyrights.co.uk/signup</p> <p>EP welcomed a clear outlook on the subject of annual fees and noted that a rebate would not be feasible for the reasons outlined in the report.</p>	<p><i>Noted</i></p> <p><i>Noted</i></p>

<p>He went on to explain that most of the premises are trading on reduced hours and reduced capacity so it is very hard for them to survive this period. Pavement licences would definitely be helpful to expand their capacity.</p>	<p><i>Noted</i></p>
<p>APO also brought to the board's attention that the issue of persistent begging in Hackney Central reported in previous meetings seems to have gone down since the start of the pandemic.</p>	<p><i>Noted</i></p>
<p><u>Shoreditch Pubwatch</u></p>	
<p>WKM wanted to highlight what Westminster are doing in regards to Road Closures. This would help the premises in Shoreditch trade more safely and even allow some of those that remain closed to open. He asked what the council was doing to explore the use of public spaces as a space for tables and chairs?</p>	<p><i>Noted</i></p>
<p>GM explained that the council was looking into various road closures but that there were other factors that played a part in their feasibility. The counter terrorism threat would be higher with these road closures and the fire brigade and TFL all had input.</p>	<p><i>Noted</i></p>
<p>WKM recognised that there were safety implications for closing a street and allowing tables and chairs and certainly would not be asking the council to go against any safety issues. He then asked if the closures being considered were to cover both daytime and nighttime as perhaps if they had been deemed unsafe for nighttime, they could possibly consider a daytime closure for tables and chairs as this would greatly help Shoreditch businesses.</p>	<p><i>Noted</i></p>
<p>GM said he would look into the matter further and get back to him on this.</p>	<p><i>SM to put WMK in contact with GM</i></p>
<p><u>Dalston Pubwatch</u></p>	
<p>EP welcomed Jack Souilleux, the new chair of the Dalston Night Time Economy Forum (pubwatch).</p>	<p><i>Noted</i></p>
<p>JS explained that the Dalston night time economy forum was held the previous day and the Mayor had attended.</p>	<p><i>Noted</i></p>
<p>He raised the issues around Gillett Square and the ongoing ASB and nuisance encountered by Licensees around the square.</p>	<p><i>Noted</i></p>

<p>GM addressed these concerns and explained that the area was made a priority area and that an action plan was being worked on by the community safety partnership, which included officers from the Police as well as the council.</p>	<p><i>SM to put JS in touch with Amalia Rodriguez.</i></p>
<p>6. AOB</p>	
<p>N/A</p>	
<p>7. Date of Next Meeting.</p> <p>The next meeting is 8 October 2020 via Zoom, details to be circulated</p>	<p><i>Noted</i></p>