

PUBLIC SAFETY AND TRAFFIC COMMITTEE
THURSDAY 11th FEBRUARY 2010

PRESENT: Councillor A. Barker in the Chair
Councillors: N. Hunt, K. Arbuckle and S. Whitlock.

In attendance: T. Ferry, Mr M. Jones and Mr G. Clark,

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE
Apologies for absence were received J. Arbuckle, R. Hardcastle, I. Scott,
2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST
There were no declarations of interest.
3. MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC
There were no members of the public.
4. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING
RESOLVED: That the minutes of the last meeting held on the 8TH October 2009 were received and confirmed as a true and accurate record of the proceedings and were duly signed by the Chair.
5. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES
There were no matters arising from the previous minutes.
6. LEEDS CITY COUNCIL ENTERTAINMENT & LICENSING
Mr George Clark, Senior Liaison & Enforcement Officer, Entertainment & Licensing, Leeds City Council addressed Members of the Committee with an outline of the Entertainment & Licensing's department responsibilities. These responsibilities include Pubs, Clubs, Places of Marriage, Street Collection, Takeaway Outlets, Off Licences and Supermarkets. He informed Members that there are six enforcement officers who cover the Leeds area and Mr Clark is responsible for Horsforth and LS19, 20 & 21.

Mr Clark provided a brief outline of operations carried out by enforcement officers including joint operations with Neighbourhood Police Teams to ensure proprietors compliance with their license. Non-compliance would normally result with two warnings, then failure to comply after two warning may result in a 'section 19', closure notice. Recently spot checks have been carried out at two Horsforth establishments with the Neighbourhood Police Team.

For more serious non-compliance such as regular offenders and drug misuse on the premises, a review of the license may be necessary which West Yorkshire Police would mostly carry out and the premises closed down on that day.

Members asked if a pub or club lost its licence, what is the likelihood of getting it back? Mr Clark advised that it could be licensed again with more stringent rules applied to the license.

Members asked what enforcement arrangements are there in place for Off License's & Supermarkets? Mr Clark informed Members that they have to display their license and that test purchases are carried out to ensure there is no under age sales or other non compliance.

RESOLVED – To note Mr Clarks report.

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7. HORSFORTH POLICING UPDATE – There were no members of West Yorkshire Police or PCSO's in attendance at the meeting.
RESOLVED – Not to discuss this item, as there was no attendance of West Yorkshire Police or PCSO's.
8. PUB WATCH IN HORSFORTH
Members received an update of recent Horsforth Pub Watch activities. The last pub watch meeting was held in January with only one item to note, which was an assault on Town Street on the 17th December 2009. The Christmas period was relatively trouble free and was viewed as being a good period.
- One person recently finished a 1-year ban and has since been arrested and put on a life ban.
- Police have asked pub watch to monitor and report back to them, movements of a person who is currently on a life ban.
- It was reported that the Make Leeds Safer Co-ordinator is available to provide advice to pub watch on legal issues relating to ASBO's. He is also planning to integrate all members of pub watch and have a central mailbox for members to communicate without being recognised.
- Members were informed that a resident has complained about noise from a bar in Horsforth and that this has been sent to the environment officer for investigation.
- Pub Watch have been instructed by the police to remove identity cards from young people trying to use them to purchase alcohol.
RESOLVED: - To note this report.
9. SPEED DEVICES IN HORSFORTH – It was agreed to invite the Traffic Police to the next meeting and for this item to be put on that agenda.
RESOLVED
- a. That Speed Devices in Horsforth be put on the next agenda.
 - b. That the Traffic Police be invited to the next meeting.
10. PARKING IN HORSFORTH
The Chair updated Members about the works currently being carried out on Town Street.
- Councillor Arbuckle asked if anything could be done about the library car park and people misusing the disabled parking spaces. The Chair informed Members that the parking signs currently in place are not enforceable. He also explained that there is no set rules on the quantity that should be available.
The Chair is to ask Andy Merkle, Leeds City Council for an update for Town Street.
RESOLVED – To note this report.
11. VISIT TO THE CCTV CONTROL ROOM
Provisional dates for a visit are March 1st or 8th. These dates are to be provided to Members at the next Council meeting.
RESOLVED – That these dates are to be provided to Members at the next Council meeting for the proposed visit to the CCTV room.

12. ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA
Speed Devices in Horsforth

13. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – The next meeting of the Public Safety & Traffic meeting is Thursday 4th March 2010.

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