

MINUTES of a meeting of the LICENSING COMMITTEE held in the Abbey Room, Stenson House, London Road, Coalville, LE67 3FN on WEDNESDAY, 6 NOVEMBER 2024

Present: Councillor N Smith (Chair)

Councillors J G Simmons, M Ball, A Barker, M Burke, M French, K Horn, R Johnson, P Lees, J Legrys, G Rogers, J Windram, A Wilson, C Beck and P Moul

In Attendance: Councillors

Officers: Mr A Cooper, Mrs C Hammond, Mr T Devonshire, Ms T Cooper and Ms B Leonard

7. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies received.

Before the meeting started, the Chair informed the Committee that due to a printing error, a number of items on the agenda were out of order. However, the meeting would be considered in the usual order.

8. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Smith declared a registerable interest in item 4 due to owning a commercial property on Market Street in Ashby.

9. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Consideration was given to the minutes of the meeting held on 18 September 2024.

Councillor P Lees requested the following changes to minute number 6 as the mover and seconder had been recorded incorrectly:

'It was moved by ~~Councillor J Legrys~~ Councillor P Lees, seconded by ~~Councillor P Lees~~ Councillor J Legrys and...'

It was moved by Councillor Legrys, seconded by Councillor Moul and

RESOLVED THAT:

The minutes of the meeting held on the 18 September 2024 be approved as an accurate record of the proceedings with the amendment as detailed above

10. REVIEW OF CUMULATIVE IMPACT ASSESSMENT OF LICENSED PREMISES IN ASHBY DE LA ZOUCH TOWN CENTRE

Prior to the presentation of the report, the chair introduced Andy Cooper, the previous Licensing Team Manager, to the Committee as the Interim Environmental Health Team Manager.

The Environmental Health Team Manager presented the report to Members.

A discussion was held about the Cumulative Impact Zone, with some Members expressing concerns about a particular premises serving alcohol not included within this area due to historical incidents with the overconsumption of alcohol. In response, the Environmental Health Team Manager assured the Committee that these premises had been looked at historically and there had been no concerns, due to their nature and type. It was noted that the work involved in the Cumulative Impact Assessment included

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working with the police, fire service, consultees and Members and that none of these had expressed concerns.

It was suggested by the Environmental Health Team Manager that a motion could be proposed to include these premises into the Cumulative Impact Zone. They explained to the Committee that this would lead to delay and there being no Cumulative Impact Assessment in place, due to the timeline and the requirement that the assessment goes through Licensing Committee and full Council. They also felt it to be improper to make changes to the area without consulting the businesses affected.

Legal Advice was sought to clarify the implications. It was advised that consultation would be required, including community, police and premises involvement and representations. This would lead to a delay to the review.

The Environmental Health Team Manager added that if premises were to apply for a new licence or varied their existing licence and there were issues with crime and disorder, the responsible authorities including the Licensing Sub Committees would be involved with the process. Although concerned, Members recognised the importance of the Cumulative Impact Assessment and did not wish to delay it.

However, during a full discussion, further concerns were raised about the prevalence of crime in the area due to the consumption of alcohol and the Environmental Health Team Manager made assurances that there were thorough processes in place to monitor premises, including regular meetings with all external agencies to discuss the nighttime economy of Ashby. It was agreed for Councillor J Legrys and the Environmental Health Team Manager to have further discussions outside of the meeting, to discuss reviewing the prevalence of drunk and disorderly behaviour in Coalville and surrounding areas.

Further questions of clarity were asked and responses received.

The discussion ended with a Member expressing the importance of the positive aspects of the town's nighttime economy. They expressed that they found it to be great, safe to take their family for meals and wanted to work to keep the market town lovely.

It was moved by Councillor J Legrys, seconded by M Ball and

RECOMENDED THAT:

At its meeting on 20 February 2025, Council agree to retain the Cumulative Impact Assessment subject to the times being amended in accordance with section seven of the report.

The meeting commenced at 6.30 pm

The Chairman closed the meeting at 7.11 pm

Chair's signature