

LICENSING LIAISON PANEL – 12 May 2008

PRESENT Councillor Iris Smith, Councillor Edward Smith, Bob Beeston, Janet Brereton, Conrad Heald, Sergeant Bushell, Sergeant Clitheroe, Yaqoob Illahi, Brian Crompton, Phil Cooper, Paul Clitheroe, Antony Price, Mazaffar Hussain, Peter Verhaege.

APOLOGIES: Stephen Culleton; Mohammed Amin

1. MATTERS ARISING FROM LAST MEETING

1.1 Parking Issues – Portland Street car park being used as shortcut through to Brown Street – this had been raised at the last Town Centre Forum and Janet Brereton was waiting for comments back from the Highways Section.

- 2. INTRODUCTION TO TOWN CENTRE MANAGER, CONRAD HEALD** - Councillor Iris Smith introduced Conrad Heald who explained his background and the experience he brought to the position of Town Centre Manager. He said he was the link between businesses and the Council and would welcome approaches from the licensed trade with any ideas, issues and initiatives. A discussion followed regarding the evening and leisure economies. Some panel members said that a number of their journeys were to take people out of the Chorley area at the weekend. Conrad explained the planned improvements to the Markets, Market Walk Phase 2 and the development of the Gillibrand Street/McDonald's site all contributed to encouraging more customers and visitors and investment which in turn improved the night-time economy. He continued to add that as a Council we would be focussing on the positive things about Chorley such as it being a safe town and said that he would be working on a Town Centre guide to show what is available and looking to develop events taking place during the day and night time. Conrad agreed to attend future meetings of the Licensing Liaison Panel.
- 3. VIOLENT CRIME IN CHORLEY TOWN CENTRE** - Sergeant Tony Bushell explained that violent crime covers a wide range of offences and that violent crime was not a major problem within Chorley. He said that he would be involved in any initiatives connected to this. Bob Beeston explained that MATAAC (Multi-Agency Tasking and Co-ordination) were looking to extend Pub Watch outside the Town Centre area with a view to possible inclusion of Chorley and South Ribble District Hospital. He asked for any information from taxi/private hire drivers regarding problem customers and said that the trial of the camera in the hackney carriage had been very useful. Bob said that he was looking to increase the trial to include private hire vehicles.
- 4. UPDATE ON NEW BADGES AND PHOTOGRAPHS** – Janet Brereton informed the panel that the new badges and photographs would be up and running by the 1 July 2008.
- 5. VEHICLE TESTING ARRANGEMENTS** – As requested, the hackney carriage/private hire trade provided written feedback on the proposals to vehicle testing. There was a full discussion, however, in the absence of the Licensing Manager, it was agreed that the feedback be looked at by him on his return from sick leave.

6. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- 1 Smoking in Licensed Vehicles - Councillor Iris Smith reminded everyone that it was an offence to smoke in any licensed vehicles.
- 2 Licensed Vehicles dropping off/picking up at Aldi supermarket – Councillor Iris Smith said that she had noticed on occasion that licensed vehicles were not waiting in a sensible and considerate place when dropping off/picking up at Aldi supermarket. She just asked everyone to note this.
- 3 Parking on Taxi Rank, High Street – A panel member said that Parkwise was now enforcing the law regarding illegally parked vehicles on the Rank.
- 4 Unmet Demand Survey – A panel member queried the letters sent out by the Licensing Section regarding the unmet demand survey. He said that the date on the letter was November 2007 and asked that this typing error be noted.

7. **DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING** – the next meeting will take place on Monday 7 July 2008 at 10.30am in the Committee Room, Town Hall, Chorley.

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