

BARNSELY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL



GENERAL LICENSING REGULATORY BOARD

21st November, 2012

10. **Present:** Councillors C. C. Wraith (Chairman), Bruff, J Carr, Davies, M. Dyson, Johnson, Lamb, Millner, M. Sheard, Shepherd, Tattersall, and Worton.

11. **Declarations of Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interest**

There were no declarations of pecuniary and non-pecuniary interest from Members in respect of items on the agenda.

12. **Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting held on 19th September, 2012 were taken as read and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

13. **Prohibition of Alcohol Consumption in Designated Public Places – Stairfoot Ward**

Further to minute 9 (b) of the meeting held on the 19th September, 2012, Mr. Adrian Phillips (Solicitor, Neighbourhood Safety Unit) reported in detail on the proposals to designate the Oakwell, Old Mill, Honeywell and Dearne Valley Park Areas (as detailed on the map and Schedule outlined within the report now submitted) as areas in which the consumption of alcohol by the public would be prohibited by the public under Section 13 of the Criminal Justice and Police Act 2001.

Members were reminded that the proposal had been deferred from the previous meeting to enable further discussions to be held between representatives of the Police, the Safer Neighbourhood Team and local Ward Members on the need for such an Order.

The following representatives attended the meeting to answer Members detailed questions and they informed the Board of the rationale for the introduction of the Order and of the success of other Designated Public Place Orders within the Borough:

Mr A Phillips – Solicitor, Neighbourhood Safety Unit
Inspector J Mitchell – South Yorkshire Police
Sergeant K Baird – South Yorkshire Police
Mr S Batty – Tasking Officer, Safer Neighbourhood Team.

The report engendered a full and frank discussion during which matters of a detailed and general nature were raised and answers were given to Members' questions were appropriate.

Members discussed the consultation process undertaken in order to establish the need for such an order and again expressed concern at the lack of consultation with local Ward Members, however, they noted that an assurance had been given at the previous meeting that this would be remedied in relation to all future orders.

It was noted that consultation undertaken with local residents Members by Ward Members had been curtailed because of the Purduh period in relation to the election for the Police and Crime Commissioners and in view of this, a request was made that in the event of the proposal being approved, the statutory consultation period be extended from the 28 days originally proposed to 42 days.

It was also noted that if the Board gave approval to advertise the proposal to make the Order, any objections received would have to be submitted in the first instance to Ms C Petty, Principal Officer (Pollution, Planning Enforcement and Licensing), prior to consideration by this Board. In the event of no objections being received, the Order would be made and the proposals implemented as proposed.

RESOLVED:-

- (i) that the Board authorise the advertisement of the proposals to make the Order (as outlined in Appendix 1 to the report now submitted) designating the Oakwell area as a place where the consumption of alcohol is permitted in public;
- (ii) that in the absence of any objection to the proposal, the respective Order be made as soon as reasonably practicable after the end of the statutory consultation period which in this case will be 42 days; and
- (iii) that the Assistant Director, (Community Safety Services) be authorised to commission the production of such signs and their affixation as he considers necessary to comply with the Local Authorities (Alcohol Consumption in Designated Public Places) Regulations 2007.

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Chairman