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MEETING: Licensing Meeting - Slam
DATE: Thursday 18th April 2013
TIME: 12:30
VENUE: Room 1.012, Middlesbrough District HQ

RECORD OF MINUTES

Meeting No: 01/13

**MINUTES ARISING FROM THE OPEN SESSION
(SUITABLE FOR EXTERNAL DISCLOSURE)**

Persons Present (Full Name, including Rank, Role & Department)

Paul Higgins	Sergeant, Licensing Unit, Middlesbrough District, Cleveland Police (Chair)
Emma Price	Constable, Licensing Unit, Middlesbrough District, Cleveland Police
Sarah Morris	Middlesbrough Council, Licensing Department
John McDonald	Owner, Slam
Stuart Rhodes	DPS, Slam
Jayne Hardwick	Management Support, Middlesbrough District, Steria – working on behalf of Cleveland Police (Minute Taker)

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1.	<u>INTRODUCTION</u>	
	<p>PS Higgins outlined the purpose of the meeting, to discuss two issues:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A number of serious offences that have occurred recently. 2. Drinks promotion and poster. <p>PS Higgins added that the reason for Sarah Morris, Middlesbrough Council, attending was due to a potential breach of licensing conditions relating to the drinks promotion.</p>	
2.	<u>INCIDENTS</u>	
	<p>Stuart Rhodes highlighted that there had been problems at the premises linked to one of the door staff, who no longer works at the premises. This male had been harassing females and becoming aggressive.</p> <p>Incidents reported linked to the premises were reviewed as follows:</p>	
2.1	31/3/13 22:14	

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	<p>Section 18 assault with a bottle – enquiries still ongoing. Stuart Rhodes stated he was aware of the incident, that CCTV was checked and the male was clearly punched. PC Price stated a witness has provided a statement that he saw a bottle being used as a weapon, that both persons were ejected from the premises and the IP had a head injury and was left outside without being assisted by door staff. Mr Rhodes advised that door staff had administered first aid, there was no blood and the male left the scene. PS Higgins stated CCTV will be double-checked, but irrespective as to whether glass was used it was a serious assault.</p>	
2.2	<p>30/3/13 03:30</p> <p>Common Assault – IP received cuts and bruises. No record in incident book.</p>	
2.3	<p>29/3/13</p> <p>Male passed out through drink or drugs and laid unconscious outside premises. Taken away by ambulance. No record in incident book.</p>	
2.4	<p>23/3/13</p> <p>Theft of wallet – taken from bar whilst paying for drinks and found in the toilets empty of contents. Not reported to premises.</p>	
2.5	<p>10/3/13</p> <p>Theft of mobile phone. Not reported to premises.</p>	
2.6	<p>2/3/13 03:00</p> <p>Request for assistance by police. There are three incidents reported at this time which are potentially linked to one incident.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Male assaulted – mouth injury and bruising/swelling to left eye. 2. Assault with bottle – cut to eye and bruising/swelling. 3. Assault with bottle – 3” gash to head, suspected broken nose, black eyes. <p>Officers attended Slam 7/3/13 to check CCTV which shows a busy dance floor/bar area but the quality is poor.</p>	
2.7	<p>17/2/13</p> <p>Male arrested outside premises for drunk and disorderly.</p>	
2.8	<p>PS Higgins highlighted two further arrests for drunk and disorderly, a theft of handbag and another assault on</p>	

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	<p>9/12/12 which occurred outside but the IP was a customer.</p> <p>Stuart Rhodes acknowledged there is still room for improvement but stated things have improved quite a lot. PS Higgins raised concern regarding incidents involving glass/bottles and asked if plastic was still being used. Mr Rhodes confirmed that polycarbonate glasses are used but bottles are still glass. PS Higgins queried the number of door staff and Stuart Rhodes advised three Saturday, two Friday, two Thursday, two Sunday and that he also assists with this role.</p> <p>Action: Door staff to be reviewed to identify if the current numbers are correct.</p>	Stuart Rhodes/ John McDonald
3.	<u>DRINKS PROMOTION</u>	
	<p>There was discussion around the promotion of drinks being at a lower price until a certain time of the night and John McDonald stated that now he is aware of the clause in the licence this promotion has been removed. PS Higgins suggested it may be worth reviewing the licence to ensure all conditions are being adhered to.</p>	
4.	<u>PUB WATCH RADIO</u>	
	<p>PS Higgins explained the procedure for purchasing/renting a Pub Watch radio and how it is monitored by the CCTV office who are able to flash up CCTV on the screen in the police control room and contact police to despatch an officer. PS Higgins added it will be seen as being proactive if door staff request police attendance via the radio and to note such requests in the incident book.</p>	
5.	<u>CLOSE</u>	
	<p>PS Higgins closed the meeting stating incidents will be reviewed again at the next meeting in June and if there is still concern regarding bottle incidents a request may be made to put a condition on the licence to decant from bottles into plastic glasses. John McDonald stated a number of drinks are still not available in plastic bottles but some companies are indicating everything will be plastic in six months.</p>	
	<u>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</u>	
	1 pm Tuesday 18 th June 2013	

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	<i>In accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (Section 21 – 44), members are asked for the following items to be considered in the closed session of this meeting.</i>	
	There were no issues for the closed session.	