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**MEETING:** Licensing Meeting - Slam  
**DATE:** Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2013  
**TIME:** 13:00  
**VENUE:** Room 2.014, Middlesbrough District HQ

**RECORD OF MINUTES**

Meeting No: 03/13

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

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

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

Para. No.		Action
1.	<b><u>APOLOGIES</u></b>	
	None	
2.	<b><u>MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING HELD 18<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2013</u></b>	
2.1	The minutes of the meeting held 18 <sup>th</sup> June 2013 were accepted as a true record.	
3.	<b><u>MATTERS ARISING</u></b>	
3.1	<b><u>Item 3.2 – Pub Watch Radio</u></b>	
	Stuart Rhodes advised the Pub Watch radio is being delivered 23 <sup>rd</sup> August 2013.	Discharged
3.2	<b><u>Item 4.1 – Incident 21/4/13</u></b>	
	<b>Action ongoing:</b> PC Kirkbright, Crime Prevention Officer, to review CCTV system to see if any improvements can be made.	Ongoing – PC Kirkbright
3.3	<b><u>Item 4.8 – Drugs Incidents</u></b>	
	PC Arbuckle attended to look at the drugs safe and has advised a new lock is required.	Stuart Rhodes

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	<b>Action:</b> Stuart Rhodes to arrange for replacement lock for drugs safe.	
4.	<b><u>INCIDENTS</u></b>	
	Incidents reported since the last meeting were reviewed as follows:	
4.1	<b><u>23/6/13 02:00 – W107017 Drunk &amp; Disorderly</u></b>	
	<p>Police assist with male who is ejected from premises after arguing with a female. Male arrested D&amp;D and found in possession of bag of white powder which he states is cocaine which he bought for £20 in Slam.</p> <p>Whilst ejecting the above male the male's partner assaults a member of door staff by hitting him to the head with her shoe causing a large cut which required gluing at NTGH.</p> <p>Female is arrested for assault and assault PC as she kicks an officer whilst they are struggling on the floor with her partner.</p> <p>Male cautioned for possession and D&amp;D. Female charged with common assault and assault PC.</p> <p>Mr Rhodes stated he was aware of the incident but not that drugs had been found, although staff do see bags being disposed of occasionally. PS Higgins encouraged random searches and stressed the importance of repairing the safe so that drugs can be stored securely.</p>	
4.2	<b><u>23/6/13 01:10 – W107040 Assault PC</u></b>	
	<p>Whilst officers dealing with incident outside towards Flares male becomes aggressive towards officers outside of Slam, obstructing officers in assisting with the incident and pushing a PC. Male arrested and charged with offence of assault PC. Mr Rhodes stated he was not aware of the incident.</p>	
4.3	<b><u>6/7/13 01:55-02:00 – W115407 Assault / Assault PC</u></b>	
	<p>Male assaulted whilst in premises with what was initially thought to be a bottle, however further enquiries show possibly not a bottle. IP sustains large cut to back of head. Whilst male detained for S18 assault, he assaults a PC. Male charged with obstruct a PC and Assault PC. IP of assault withdraws complaint so no action taken re S18.</p> <p>Mr Rhodes stated the male had thrown a bottle at a female member of bar staff and another customer intervened.</p> <p>Mr Rhodes raised concern regarding the attitude/manner of the two officers who attended the incident, one being an Inspector who grabbed a male from the smoking area who had not been involved in the incident. PS Higgins stated he is not aware of the incident involving the officers but added there is a degree of frustration by officers policing</p>	

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	<p>the town centre with the behaviour of Slam customers and the purpose of the meetings is to try to address those problems. Mr Rhodes stated there is a limit to what he can do, in particular for incidents involving persons outside the premises, adding that people go out to get drunk. PS Higgins highlighted it is an offence to serve drunk people and asked that the utmost is done. PS Higgins added that offences outside are included to make Mr Rhodes aware of incidents reported to police, but in reality incidents have reduced compared to the previous meeting.</p> <p>There was discussion around decanting and Stuart Rhodes stated everything will be decanted from the bank holiday weekend.</p> <p>PS Higgins explained he is unable to comment on the Inspector's actions as he does not have his version of events but ultimately an officer of the rank of Inspector has the ability to close premises. PS Higgins offered to try to arrange for the Inspector to attend a future meeting which Mr Rhodes accepted.</p> <p><b>Action:</b></p> <p>PS Higgins to arrange for the Inspector concerned to attend a future meeting.</p> <p>Male concerned to be put forward for consideration of Pub Watch ban.</p>	PS Higgins
4.4	<b><u>6/7/13 01:30-02:30 – W115561 Theft</u></b>	
	Male reports theft of mobile phone. Checks of CCTV proved negative and there are no further lines of enquiry.	
4.5	<b><u>14/7/13 02:41 – W121318 Fight</u></b>	
	CCTV report a fight outside of premises. All parties disperse upon police arrival and no complaints made.	
4.6	<b><u>14/7/13 02:10-02:20 – W121560 Assault</u></b>	
	Female reports being assaulted inside and outside of premises, suffering bruising and reddening. IP refused to assist police in providing a statement. CCTV check proved negative – no further police action.	
4.7	<b><u>5/8/13 01:37 – W137149 Disorder</u></b>	
	Initial call reports being assaulted to the rear of the premises, receiving injuries, however, refuses to cooperate upon police attendance and leaves the scene.	
4.8	<b><u>Assault at rear of Slam</u></b>	
	PS Higgins advised of an incident over the weekend which town centre CCTV shows to be a fracas on Wilson Street which dispersed when police attended. A male involved has made his way up Linthorpe Road and then called an ambulance; the male had suffered a broken jaw and indicated the incident occurred at the rear of Slam. There	

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	was discussion around placement of cameras at the venue and whether improvements could be made to pick up the rear; it was agreed to wait until PC Kirkbright, Crime Prevention, visits to look at the CCTV system.	
4.9	<b><u>26/7/13 03:00-03:30 – W130017 Robbery of Taxi Driver</u></b>	
	A request has been received from a CID officer to check CCTV from Slam following robbery of a taxi driver. Four customers have left Slam and got into the taxi and the officer is looking to identify those concerned. <b>Action:</b> Stuart Rhodes to provide copy of CCTV footage between 02:45 and 03:30.	Stuart Rhodes
	<b><u>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</u></b>	
	1 pm Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> October 2013	

**RESTRICTED**  
**MINUTES ARISING FROM THE CLOSED SESSION**  
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	<b><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></b>	
	There were no issues for the closed session.	