

MINUTES OF
ROPEWALKS RESIDENTS' MEETING
HELD ON THURS. 30TH AUGUST 2012

PRESENT: Peter Schriewersmann – Resident (Chair)
Kenny Brew – LCC (part)
Terry Eleftheriou – Resident
Jacqui Greenall – Resident
Samiq Nuriyev – Resident
Sean O'Neill – Resident
Neil Thomas – LCC (Env. Health)
Paula Deboo - Minutes

APOLOGIES: Joe Anderson – Mayor (LCC)
Steve Clare - LCC
Malcolm Harris – Resident
Wes Hartless – LCC (Part)
Steve Munby – LCC
Gregory Scott-Gurner – Resident

DATE: 14th September 2012

	<u>ACTION</u>
<p>1. <u>INTRODUCTIONS / APOLOGIES</u></p> <p>Apologies given as above. KB will attend future meetings instead of WH.</p>	
<p>2. <u>MINUTES OF LAST MEETING</u></p> <p><u>ONE WAY</u> The direction has been reversed but it still remains one way. The residents are happy with the direction being one-way and the direction doesn't matter to them, but will comment later regarding which way has worked best for the area.</p>	

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	<u>ACTION</u>
<p><u>LIVE MUSIC LAW</u> NT gave the group reassurance of what this law entails.</p> <p>Minutes agreed.</p>	
<p>3. <u>ENVIRONMENTAL UPDATE</u></p> <p><u>NOISE</u></p> <p><u>No.1 ST. PETER'S SQUARE</u> Lots of debate surrounding the planning application.</p> <p><u>SALT DOG SLIMS</u> The group withdrew their objections based on the promises made by the owners but these promises have been broken. NT is aware of the problems. KB confirmed that in NT's absence the bar received a visit following an email of complaint from resident. PS requested that KB also directs residents' contacts to our group to ensure they are aware of the group.</p> <p>NT spoke with the owners and mentioned the complaints received and suggested solutions to the noise issues (e.g. lowering the noise, closing windows, secondary doors, etc.). There is air conditioning upstairs, yet windows are still being left open. PS confirmed with GSG that NT can gain access to GSG property to assess the level of noise emanating from the bar. SON to obtain the dates when NT is working and SON will then contact NT when the noise is evident. It was suggested testing the noise limiters with the windows open, but part of their licence is that the windows are to be closed.</p> <p>The next time NT has to visit this bar they will receive a verbal warning.</p>	<p>NT</p> <p>SON</p>

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	<u>ACTION</u>
<p><u>ST. PETER'S SQUARE / STAG / PEACOCK</u> If bars wish to play music outside it does not need to go through licensing as it is not a change to their existing licence. These bars are not applying for music to be played outside. There is no change to licence, even if they are to drink outside. However, if bars applied to use sideways it would go through Highways. NT requested KB forward him any applications to Highways from bars requesting the use of sideways. The doors of the Stag (beside Peacock) are being left open. The outside pipe (from the pizza oven) is charring the outside wall – NT to advise PS who deals with this. NT meeting with Alfie Torres on 31/08/12.</p>	NT
<p><u>BODEGA BAR</u> JG iterated that there seems to be a lot of noise emanating from this bar. NT to monitor.</p>	NT
<p><u>CHAMELEON</u> This bar does not have a licence to drink outside and the group have evidence that people are doing this and taking their drinks next door to Tapas Tapas. KB has passed this complaint to the Police and Licensing. A resident who recently moved into the Ropewalks area has decided to relocate due to the noise coming from this bar. NT to check the noise levels and will arrange to meet with the owners. KB also wishes to attend this meeting.</p>	NT
<p><u>L'AGO</u> There is a noise problem with bottle bins being collected outside this bar at 5am. PS to obtain a photo of the wagon collecting these bins and forward to NT and KB who will contact the private company for a list of the bars they collect from and inform the company and the bars that the bins cannot be collected until after 7.45am.</p>	PS NT & KB
<p><u>DUKES & DUTCHESSES</u> NT to address a complaint received regarding music being played too loudly between the hours of 2-5pm at an event at the nursery. NT will suggest the nursery send out a courtesy leaflet to neighbours notifying them when there is an event.</p>	

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<p><u>LITTER</u></p> <p>In April 2012 the Litter Act changed and any Food Licence can be reviewed for businesses operating after 11pm. Recently a large operator was instructed to clean up every hour after 11pm. KB will be looking at other bars. Wood Street especially seems to be a dumping ground for businesses operating on Bold Street.</p> <p><u>LUDUS BAR</u> KB received an email of complaint regarding the litter outside this bar. KB will look into this. KB to forward this email to PS.</p>	KB
<p>4. <u>ROPEWALKS RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION ACTIVITIES</u></p> <p><u>ARTSHOUSE SQUARE</u> PS attended a meeting in PCT, along with Vision, FACT and the Council, which was very interesting. It is early days, but PS will keep the Group updated as it happens.</p>	
<p>5. <u>LICENSING / PLANNING APPLICATIONS</u></p> <p><u>LUDUS</u> There was an application for music outside. There's to be no music outside.</p> <p><u>ST. PETER'S</u> <u>14 Colquitt Street</u> There's to be an application for licensing for this premises with the aim for it to be a high class whiskey/spirits bar (no lager). Bodega Bar is under 14 Colquitt Street. The owner of Bodega Bar also owns Tapas Tapas.</p>	

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	<u>ACTION</u>
<p><u>71 Seel Street</u> PS will speak with L'Ago re. insulation as this bar will affect them. It may be that this bar belongs to the owners of L'Ago, which would be an ideal situation, but if not, PS to object this application.</p>	PS
<p>6. <u>ANY OTHER BUSINESS</u></p> <p><u>WET ZONE</u> K.B. confirmed that the pilot Wet Zone scheme commenced at 10am on 30/08/12 on Renshaw Street and will run for 28 days, when it will then close. If it proves successful, this site will not be the permanent location but it does need to be located where the drinkers will go. The area will be heavily policed. St. Luke's site was considered but the Council and Partners thought that Renshaw Street was the best option. Whilst people are there the site will be managed and support offered (i.e. Whitechapel, PCT, Basement, etc.). The current approach is for the police to seize and dispose of the drink from the street drinkers and this in turn leads the drinkers to then start begging to get the cash to pay for more drink. With this pilot scheme the street drinkers will be directed to the Wet Zone where they will be allowed to drink. KB will arrange a trip to the Wet Zone. KB will update at next meeting. The group did not expect the pilot scheme to go through so quickly. TE is also involved with the Ropewalks Stakeholders and has received an email from fellow stakeholder, Max Stone, iterating that he was not aware of this Wet Zone. This Residents' Group who meet regularly were aware of the scheme but not the location and so it seems that only businesses were unaware. Residents feel that there should have been a consultation on the location (which seems not to have happened). The Council are in a no win situation as no one wants this zone on their doorstep and we commend the Council for endeavouring to find a solution to the city centre's increased amount of street drinkers/beggars.</p>	KB KB

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<p>JG pointed out that once the students return, there will be an influx of beggars / scams, targeting the students. PS iterated that the beggars tend to target the accumulation of people at the vast amount of bars in the area and are not there as a result of the services offered by the Missionaries of Charity, although the steps of the Missionaries of Charity could possibly be managed better (e.g. now allowing people to hang around too long before and after opening/closing, as this would not be acceptable with any other business – it is the responsibility of the business to manage those gatherings). Maybe they can ask people attending to wait in their private back yard. PS will ask them to put this in place. JG feels that maybe help from The Basement is needed. PS will co-ordinate a meeting with the Missionaries of Charity and The Basement, to see if there is a solution.</p> <p><u>PORTABLE URINALS</u> JG suggested that the problem of men urinating in the street should be addressed. PS will speak with WH re. locating portable urinals in the Ropewalks area.</p>	<p>PS</p> <p>PS</p> <p>PS</p>
<p>7. <u>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</u></p> <p>Thursday, 8th November 2012, at 10am at FACT (3rd Floor, Wood Street, Liverpool).</p>	