

MINUTES OF
ROPEWALKS RESIDENTS' MEETING
HELD ON THURS. 8TH NOVEMBER 2012

PRESENT: Terry Eleftheriou – Resident (Chair)
Kenny Brew – LCC
Barry Downes – Merseyside Police
Jacqui Greenall – Resident
Derek Hatton – Resident (part)
Ann-Marie Moran – LCC (Licensing)
Samiq Nuriyev – Resident
Sean O'Neill – Resident
Neil Thomas – LCC (Env. Health)
Paula Deboo - Minutes

APOLOGIES: Peter Schriewersmann – Resident (Chair)
Joe Anderson – Mayor (LCC)
Steve Clare - LCC
Malcolm Harris – Resident
Wes Hartless – LCC (Part)
Steve Munby – LCC

DATE: 16th November 2012

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<p>1. <u>INTRODUCTIONS / APOLOGIES</u></p> <p>Apologies given as above.</p>	
<p>2. <u>MINUTES OF LAST MEETING</u></p> <p><u>ONE-WAY</u> The direction has been reversed but it does remain one way. This consultation period is coming to a close. The residents are going to have their own consultation and will forward their comments to the Council by</p>	PS

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<p>way of a letter. Overall the one-way direction has been a huge success; however, the actual direction in which this is fixed has advantages/disadvantages both ways to both businesses / residents. This decision will be a permanent one.</p> <p>The bollards are faltering at Bold Street on occasions. Police are monitoring the joy riders / flashy cars that are cruising the area and they are being asked to move away from the area as they are causing congestion. Staff are there to direct them out of the area. JG suggested erecting signage/notices.</p> <p>Since the latest reversal, JG has noticed considerable congestion on Duke Street, which seems to be grid-locking in the evening by Elysian Fields. SON has noticed more cars around Colquitt Street.</p> <p><u>PORTABLE URINALS</u></p> <p>When the pilot scheme was run, it was quite successful but people raised concerns and it was quite expensive. Another solution needs to be sourced.</p> <p>Minutes agreed.</p>	
<p>3. <u>ENVIRONMENTAL UPDATE</u></p> <p>A) <u>WET ZONE</u></p> <p>There were no real issues with the Wet Zone. It was calm and BD iterated that it was really successful. Before the project was in place there was c.40-50 arrests and there were hardly any whilst it was running. There were some teething problems with one or two people and they were barred and unable to return. Police operation was in place the whole time it was running. Basement and MOC need to have more dialogue (possibly the Sisters bringing the Sandwiches to the Wet Zone). It was suggested that maybe MH could meet with Basement.</p> <p>TE personally had a letter in his post-box from the Council asking for his opinion of the Wet Zone. Not all residents appear to have received this request; neither did Elysian. KB will address this issue. It is important that people record their opinion. TE feels the scheme has been very</p>	<p>PS/MH</p> <p>KB</p>

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<p>successful and should continue. The location upset local businesses as they feel they were not notified beforehand. The Ropewalks Stakeholders' Group were not made aware of this decision, yet the Ropewalks Residents' Group were. The Ropewalks Stakeholders meetings are for residents as well as businesses. WH will address why the Stakeholders were not aware. More leaflets to be given out to enable residents and businesses to give their opinions.</p> <p>TE commends the Council and the Police as this was one of their better ideas. When the consultation comes back the issue will be where it will be sited as it needs to be in the hub of the city, but in a location that suits all.</p> <p><u>B) UPDATE ON SALT DOGS & BLUE ANGEL</u></p> <p><u>SALT DOGS</u></p> <p>NT spoke to Nick Thomas and explained he had visited the bar on three occasions and the noise was still unacceptable. Windows are being left open (they have been told to close them by 8/9pm and NT has suggested fitting window locks to ensure they cannot be opened, or get an acoustic engineer to address it), music too loud (NT suggested fitting a limiter), door left open (NT suggested fitting a secondary door – on a 'l' shape) – the bar is not being managed properly. NT has informed the bar that they have 4-5 weeks to act. They have said they are going to put all speakers on rubber brackets. NT will continue to monitor and will visit the bar on 9/11/12 to ensure they are keeping to their word. If the bar does not co-operate, NT will serve them notice and go to review, making them aware that if their licence is reviewed they may lose their licence on all floors. Air conditioning, secondary doors and double glazing would have been better at the outset. NT to look at both entrances as there is an area where you come out of the VIP area which could possibly be utilized. NT will update at next meeting.</p> <p><u>BLUE ANGEL</u></p> <p>NT received complaints from a Dr. Grey and another lady about the noise. When NT arranged to visit the lady she said the music had been lowered and her problem was resolved as they seem to be managing the door better. (Neil Tarbuck had been out to the bar and asked them to lower it.)</p>	<p>WH KB</p> <p>NT</p>

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<p>customers to take glasses onto the street, they are running the risk of their customers being prosecuted. He should be managing his bar better. BD also confirmed that he spoke to Julian Pandy (Licensing) and they too are looking at this issue and will deal with it if they witness it.</p> <p><u>LA'GO</u> In the past, La'go have always dealt with any problems we have had. NT will pay them another visit as they have built a third door but the doormen have been leaving the second door open. During the past 4-6 weeks it seems that the decibel limit has increased. The owners may not be aware of this, as it may be down to the DJ. Monday and Wednesdays are the worst nights. NT to check N. Tarbuck's decibel setting. JG confirmed that the noise cranks up around 12.30am. Again, it seems possible that the limit has been tampered with.</p> <p><u>SHIPPING FORECAST</u> A lady resident has complained about the noise emanating from this bar on its Quiz Night. PS will visit the lady's home on the said night to witness the disturbance.</p> <p><u>THE MASQUE</u> This bar is to be a mix between live shows, comedy club and restaurant. They have asked the residents to discuss their concerns. They have two levels - when playing in the lower level there is no problem. They have asked to meet the Residents Group with their plans - which should take place in two weeks. NT has asked to be there. TE agreed with this and will inform him of the date. If they are going to be putting on live shows NT wants to be aware of the implications. Everyone is subject to noise nuisance legislation. Anne-Marie Moran (AM) would like to know what legal representation they are using. Graham Cameron (licensing) has the power to consult and put conditions on a licence as he sees fit. He can now put concept conditions in place which safeguard the premises and he can consult with Planning.</p>	<p>NT</p> <p>NT</p> <p>PS</p> <p>TE</p>

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<p>4. <u>ROPEWALKS RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION ACTIVITIES</u></p> <p>A) <u>UPDATE ON ARTHOUSE SQUARE PROPOSAL (HIGHWAYS ISSUE)</u> Concept further developed with stakeholders from PCT, Fact, local businesses, Vision, LCC and residents. Potential block is Highways issue which will hopefully be resolved in special meeting (soon). Cllr Wood engaged to push the matter.</p> <p>B) <u>LAUNCH OF LOCAL AWARENESS CAMPAIGN</u> Ropewalks Residents' Association starting a campaign soon, creating more awareness of communication channels, developing the residents' community, gathering contact details, supporting one another. Watch out for leaflets.</p>	
<p>5. <u>LICENSING / PLANNING APPLICATIONS</u></p> <p>A) <u>UPDATE ON PEACOCKS/STAG (OUTSIDE AREA)</u> Peacock's outside area now licensed but only option till 10pm. Same for new (reduced) outside space at The Stag – closing every night by 10pm. The group feel it was the right decision not to allow the full area to be encroached.</p> <p>B) <u>UPDATE ON BERRY & RYE (BERRY ST.)</u> We do not envisage any issues with this property going forward.</p>	
<p>6. <u>ANY OTHER BUSINESS</u></p> <p>A) <u>ENGAGE SEMINAR SERIES</u> The Group are supporting this strategic seminar series by Engage. PS will update at next meeting.</p>	PS

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<p>B) <u>BINS – WOOD STREET</u> Grant Butterworth (Planning) witnessed, along with TE, a vast amount of bins littering the Bold Street area, and was quite disgusted at what he saw. KB has received photographic evidence and has assured the Group that there will be a clean up programme that will commenced in a fortnight. Any bins left out will be removed as they are causing an obstruction on the highway. Tenants/owners are in breach of Planning by leaving their bins out. A notice will be served on them and if not actioned, the bin will be removed. The waste company needs to tell their clients that they are not to put their bins out until they are due for collection. There appears to be no attempt by the businesses to manage their bins. Street Nuisance Team (Stuart Seely) to be invited to these meetings to provide an update. BD suggested that MFRS (Merseyside Fire Rescue Service) may also need to address this issue as the bins are a fire hazard. BD will also speak with Helen Cushion (Anti Social Behaviour). An aggressive stance is what is needed.</p>	<p>PD</p> <p>BD</p>
<p>7. <u>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</u> To be confirmed.</p>	