

Notes of the Bar Working Party held Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> March 2009 in the Library.

**Present** : Cllr.Adam Monk, Cllr.Doug Daniels, Cllr Terry Pomroy, Cllr.A.Tink, Heather Beese, Lesley Reuben

**Apologies** : Cllr.C.Jenkins

1. **Prices** - agreed to implement the phasing of the new prices after the budget details were known.
2. **Beers** – Following requests from customers at the public meeting and via the suggestion box it was recommended that beers ranging from 3.8Abv and 4.2Abv be purchased.
3. **Bar Staff** - following points raised by the customers, it was agreed to investigate customer care training. Heather felt that in her experience the current staff we're honest and reliable, unlike some of the younger element of staff in the past. She also felt that this was a personal dig and had felt unhappy and intimidated by customers at times and in particular by customer who's children had been asked to leave at 9p.m. Agreed this was an issue for the Staffing Committee and also for the Steward/Clerk to investigate the legalities of the Children's Certificate as to whether it is compulsory or discretionary that children leave at 9p.m.
4. **Advance of discount Loan** – The Council had agreed to pay off the loan and continue trading with Scottish and Newcastle subject to assurance from the Brewery that there would not be any long term commitment to them. The Brewery had confirmed that if the redemption figure of £19,555.88 were to be paid in full there would be no future long term commitment required, however if the shortfall charges are to be kept suspended we would need to renegotiate the deal for the outstanding amount to be paid off over a period that both parties are happy with.

Agreed to pay off the loan including the shortfall charges of £454.80 and to propose that the unspent £10k (approx) be spent as originally intended on refurbishment to the toilets and improvements to the Bar area.

5. **Advertising** – more effort was needed on advertising. It was suggested that a mailing/email list be put together to inform interested residents of forthcoming events.
6. **Bingo** – 3p.m. start had not proved successful however the Steward was re-launching the Bingo from the 27<sup>th</sup> April on Monday evenings.
7. **Smoking Shelter** – costings and location ideas to be brought to the next meeting.

8. **WiFi** further costing were required as the original price quoted did not include business's.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.15p.m.