

Notes of the Bar Working Party held Friday 14th November at Filton Sports & Leisure Centre

Present :- Cllr Terry Pomroy, Cllr Adam Monk, Cllr Alan Tink, Heather Beese, Lesley Reuben

Apologies:- Cllr Stan Sims, Cllr Doug Daniels

- Cllr Monk briefly summarised on the reason for the working group.
- The working party concluded that cost cutting exercised needed to take place and the emphasis of the Bar needed to change to meet the needs of local people of all ages
- The following recommendations were made:-
 - Cut the real ales down to two varieties Butcombe as the house plus one rotating guest ale;
 - Drop one of the newspapers, the steward to chose which one;
 - Cancel Karaoke and music nights and seek alternative low cost entertainment;
 - Keep Quiz night running but to utilise hall/pavilion;
 - Staffing levels – to be kept to a minimum
 - Investigate possibility of WiFi connection
 - Review contract and loan
 - Generate daytime activities – Steward to come back with recommendations
- Cellar Services had visited the premises and had quoted £130 for pipe cleaning which would make an initial saving of 39% approx. £2798.75 per annum but were unable to quote for cleaning of the real ales due to the type of refrigeration, agreed to invite Cellar Services to the next meeting.
- There being no further business it was agreed to meet again on Friday 21st November 10.30a.m. in the Leisure Centre.

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Present :- Cllr Terry Pomroy, Cllr Alan Tink, Cllr Doug Daniels, Heather Beese, Mike Isherwood (Cellar Services), Bev Callard (Stocktaker), Diane Sanders

Apologies:- Cllr Stan Sims, Cllr Adam Monk

- The notes of the meeting held 14th November 2008 were approved.
- After a lengthy discussion with the stocktaker and Cellar Services, the following recommendations were made:-
 - To reduce the real ales to two varieties, i.e. Butcombe plus one other rotating guest beer.
 - To reduce the number of pumps in the lounge to nine by discontinuing the Bulmers Cider, the 'extra cold' John Smith and 'extra cold' Guinness.
 - To enter into an agreement with Cellar Services for the cleaning of the beer lines every 3 weeks. To have the three real ale pumps cleaned but only use two pumps at any one time and have one line kept clean.
 - To purchase spirits in the most cost effective way
 - Cllr Tink to liaise with the steward, Town Clerk and stocktaker re: stock management and stock levels
- Christmas Raffle: A recommendation was made to hold a Christmas raffle to help reduce stock levels of slow selling spirits. The raffle prize to be a 'drinks hamper' made up of 6 bottles purchased from the bar at a cost of £10 per bottle. When a target of £100 has been reached, the winner to be selected and the process start again.
- Bar opening hours over the Christmas and New Year period - see attached recommendation.

- Karaoke and Music Nights: A recommendation was made that all future promotional events in the bar should be under the control of the Steward and Town Clerk. Karaoke nights to be discontinued.
- Agreed: to invite a representative from the Scottish & Newcastle Brewery to attend the next meeting of the Bar Working Party to discuss current discount arrangements.
- Agreed: To review the Coffee Machine contract and look at the most professional way of serving hot drinks.
- WiFi Connection – the Council’s IT support person had agreed to provide a quote for the installation of the equipment needed to provide WiFi access in the bar, Pavilion and pool vending area. Access would be password protected and filters put in place to ensure that downloading from unsuitable sites was prohibited.
- Date of next Meeting – 10:30am on Friday 28th November 2008

Notes of the Bar Working Group held Friday 28th November 2008 at Filton Sports & Leisure Centre

Present :- Cllrs Adam Monk, Terry Pomroy, Alan Tink, Doug Daniels
Heather Beese, Lesley Reuben

Apologies :- Stan Sims

- ***The notes of the meeting held 21st November 2008*** were approved
- ***Feedback from recommendations submitted to the Council meeting:*** it was reported that a hostile debate had taken place and the majority of the recommendations had been aggressively objected to by a small minority. However the following recommendations had been passed :-
 - a) To reduce the real ales to two varieties
 - b) To reduce the number of pumps in the lounge to nine by discontinuing the Bulmers Cider, 'extra cold John Smiths and extra cold Guinness
 - c) To enter into an agreement with Cellar Services for the cleaning of the beer lines every 3 weeks. To have the three real ale pumps cleaned but only use two pumps at any one time and keep one line clean.
 - d) To purchase spirits in the most cost effective way
 - e) Cllr Tink to liaise with the steward, Town Clerk and stocktaker re: stock management and stock levels.
 - f) To hold a Christmas raffle in order to help reduce the stock levels of slow selling spirits.
 - g) Bar opening hours over Christmas and New Year – agreed as per the recommendation with the exception of Christmas Eve which was changed to 7pm – 12.30am.
 - h) To honour the booking made for the group 'Morning Glory' in the bar on Christmas Eve
 - i) To hold a family New Year's Eve party in the function hall with a disco and food provided.

Due to the hostility of the Council meeting, voting on the remainder of the recommendations had not taken place.

It was therefore proposed to recommend that all existing entertainment excluding the quiz cease from the 14th January for a 13 week period to assess the impact. The Steward/Deputy Steward and the Town Clerk/Deputy Clerk be given full control over future bookings.

- ***Bar Stocks*** – Cllr Tink had worked with Heather to reduce the list of spirits available. The list would be available for the next meeting. The Steward was given the authority to use his or her discretion to offer 'Stewards Special Offer' at forthcoming functions to reduce the remaining volume of vermouth. It was

agreed to contact Bablakes Brewery, the Beer Cellar and one other to what offers were available to the Council.

- **Advertising and Promotion** – discussion took place on advertising and the Clerk was asked to provide a staff suggestion box/forms to allow staff to put forward their suggestions. A suggestion box to be put in the Bar for suggestions from the current client base. Also to arrange for the website to have the facility to accept suggestions and to arrange a link to the Community Association website. As a follow up from the Evening Post's article it was suggested that they might help with a 'Save your local' follow up. The Clerk to arrange for a flier/leaflet to be produced from the current budget.
- **Brewery** – Scottish & Newcastle rep had been unable to make the meeting but would be available to meet with the working group on the 12th December.
- **Way forward** – to arrange for the gaming machines to be moved to the other side of the Lounge to allow for the Dart Board to be re-instated, and the mirrors to be relocated to allow for remaining memorabilia to be displayed. The clerk to investigate more elaborate coffee machines available. To continue talks with IT support reference the WiFi connection.
- **Date of next meeting** – 12th December 10.30a.m.