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Licensing Unit  
Rossendale Borough Council

**Police support to the application for review of licence at The Roebuck,482  
Burnley Road East, Rossendale.**

Please accept this as the police representation to the application for licence review which was submitted by the Environmental Health Service at Rossendale Borough Council

The police are supporting this review formally as we have concerns that the Prevention of Crime and Disorder and the Prevention of Public Nuisance licensing objectives have been undermined at the premises.

The Premises Licence Holder (PLH) and Designated Premises Supervisor (DPS) is Marie Burke

This has been the case since the 23rd of February 2020.

The evidence relating to the objection has been obtained from the Police Innkeeper system which to the best of my knowledge is true and accurate. In the period up to the 8<sup>th</sup> of February 2020 there were 6 recorded incidents at the premises. Since that time, we have recorded 29 incidents.

14 incidents related to allegations of COVID breaches,5 drug related complaints,9 incidents related to disorder/nuisance

In the last 12 months the premises have recorded the 2<sup>nd</sup> highest number of incidents in Rossendale.

**Incident 1**

**24/04/21**

**LC-20210424-1908-22:11-Group of males causing problems on the street after leaving the premises when last orders called.**

**Incident 2**

**10/10/21**

**LC-20211010-0063-00:39-APPROX 20 PEOPLE OUTSIDE THE PUB - LANDLADY IS OUTSIDE STRUGGLING TO CALM THE SITUATION - LOTS OF AGRSSION ON ARRIVAL NOTHING GOING ON, LANDLADY TRYING TO DISPERSE GROUP.**

**Incident 3**

**31/10/21**

**LC-20211031-0139-01:20. REPORT OF LARGE FIGHT OUTSIDE PUB AFTER THEY HAVE BEEN KICKED OUT. MALES ARE FIGHTING AND FEMALES TRYING TO STOP THEM. VERY**

DRUNK AND REFUSING TO LEAVE AREA. THEY WERE ARGUING AND FIGHTING IN THE PUB AND LANDLORD MANAGED TO GET THEM OUTSIDE.  
2 other separate calls regarding the same incident

#### **Incident 4**

**04/12/21**

**LC-20211204-0139-01:42.** AMB REPORTING 20 YEAR OLD MALE HAS TAKEN SOMETHING HE IS COLLAPSED ON THH FLOOR AND BEING VIOLENT - HE IS KICKING OUT AT PEOPLE. WELFARE NEEDS ADDRESSED. Patrols resumed at 02:43

#### **Incident 5**

**12/03/21**

**LC-20220312-0053-00:49 hrs.** REPORT FROM STAFF THAT THEY HAVE BEEN HAVING ISSUES WITH A MALE WHO HAS LEFT BUT CAUSED DAMAGE TO A PARKED CAR. UNKNOWN VICTIM WHO HAS NOT REPORTED THE INCIDENT.

#### **Police visits.**

##### **Visit reference 52018.**

4<sup>th</sup> of July 2020 04/07/2020 18:30

ABSOLUTELY HEAVING ON ARRIVAL, ABSOLUTELY NO CONTROL FROM LICENSEE, MUSIC FAR TO LOUD AND NO SOCIAL DISTANCING.

##### **Visit reference 52590.**

22<sup>nd</sup> August 2020

VISIT TO PREMISES. MARIE BURKE WAS ON THE PREMISES. THERE WAS A LIVELY ATMOSPHERE AND APPROX 40 PEOPLE PRESENT INSIDE AND AT THE REAR IN THE BEER GARDEN WHERE THEY HAVE SEVERAL SEATING AREAS ARRANGED ALTHOUGH MOST IN THE OUTSIDE AREA WERE ON A KARAOKE DANCE FLOOR WITH LITTLE DISTANCING TAKING PLACE. THIS WAS POINTED OUT TO MARIE AND SHE SAID SHE WOULD TAKE STEPS TO RECTIFY IT. MARIE EXPLAINED THAT SHE HAD ARRANGED A DOORMAN FOR THE EVENING BUT HE HAD JUST CONTACTED HER TO LET HER DOWN AS HE HAD DOUBLE BOOKED.

##### **Visit reference 58248**

On the 31<sup>st</sup> of December 2020 officers attended the premises following a report of people being inside in breach of COVID regulations.

WE ATTENDED THE ROEBUCK AFTER THERE WAS A REPORT THAT THEY WERE HAVING A NUMBER OF PEOPLE COMING TO THE PREMISES THROUGH THE BACK DOOR. ON ARRIVAL, WE SAW LIGHTS ON INSIDE SO WE WENT ROUND THE BACK AND THE OCCUPANTS INSIDE CAME TO THE FIRE DOOR AND LET US IN. MARIE BURKE WAS PRESENT ALONG WITH OTHER RELATIVES. MARIE STATED THAT SHE THOUGHT IT WAS OK FOR HER RELATIVES TO BE THERE AS THEY HAD BEEN THERE ON CHRISTMAS DAY SO SHE THOUGHT THEY COULD STILL BE ROUND THERE NOW. WE EXPLAINED THAT CHRISTMAS DAY WAS AN EXCEPTION TO THE RULES WHERE THEY WERE ALLOWED TO

BE IN THEIR HOUSE. WE ALSO EXPLAINED THAT WE ARE NOW IN TIER 4 AND MARIE STATED THAT SHE DIDNT UNDERSTAND THE RULES. WE ADVISED HER THAT SHE SHOULD GET UP TO DATE WITH THE LATEST GOV RESTRICTIONS WITH HER BEING THE LANDLORD OF A PUB. WE ENGAGED WITH THEM ALL AND THE FAMILY MEMBERS THAT LIVE ABOVE THE PUB WENT BACK UPSTAIRS, AND THE OTHER RELATIVES FROM ANOTHER HOUSEHOLD WERE TOLD TO LEAVE WHICH THEY DID ON REQUEST. THERE WAS ALCOHOL BEING CONSUMED FROM THE FRIDGES BEHIND THE BAR AND THEY HAD THE TV/MUSIC ON. IT WAS EXPLAINED TO MARIE THAT LICENSING WOULD BE INFORMED DUE TO HER HAVING A SMALL GATHERING WITHIN THE PUB WHEN SHE SHOULD KNOW SHE IS BREACHING GOV RULES. NO FPN'S WERE ISSUED AS THE RELATIVES LEFT ON REQUEST OF US ASKING.

**Visit reference 54058.**

16<sup>th</sup> of January 2021. 16/01/2021 20:15

WE HAVE ATTENDED THE LOCATION AND THERE WERE LIGHTS ON UPSTAIRS IN THE PROPERTY. THERE WERE HALF DRUNK PINT GLASSES ON THE TABLES DOWNSTAIRS. THE OWNER, MARIE'S VEHICLE WAS PARKED OUTSIDE OF THE PUB. WE HAVE KNOCKED ON THE DOOR AND GOT NO ANSWER. AFTER APPROXIMATELY 5 MINUTES THE LIGHTS UPSTAIRS WERE TURNED OFF AND ONLY LIGHT LEFT ON APPEARED TO BE FROM A TV. PS 3707 RANG MARIE A NUMBER OF TIMES BUT RECEIVED NO RESPONSE.

SO, I VISITED THE ROEBUCK TONIGHT. IT WOULD APPEAR THAT COPS WENT ON FRIDAY NIGHT WHERE THERE WAS SOMEBODY THAT SHOULDN'T HAVE BEEN THERE WITH DPS AND PARTNER. THIS WAS PALMED OFF AS NEIGHBOUR WHO HAD MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES AND WAS PART OF BUBBLE.

LIGHTS WERE ON UPSTAIRS AT ROEBUCK. NO RESPONSE TO OUR KNOCKING AT FRONT AND BACK. LIGHTS WENT OUT. NOTHING HAPPENING DOWNSTAIRS, JUST SOME HALF DRANK GLASSES ON A TABLE. TRIED CALLING DPS WITH NO ANSWER.

LEFT AREA AND FOUND A SARCASTIC ANSWERPHONE MESSAGE ON SAMSUNG FROM MARIE, WHO BASICALLY SAID NOBODY WAS THERE AND IT WAS A WASTE OF POLICE RESOURCES ETC.

I SPOKE WITH MARIE WHO WAS GOING ROUND IN CIRCLES, EXPLAINING THAT I WAS THE LICENSING SGT AND WAS VISITING THANKS TO TWO RECENT BREACHES AND WANTED TO CHAT. MARIE STILL FELT SHE HADN'T DONE MUCH WRONG ON NYE WITH FAMILY THERE. THOUGHT IT WAS OKAY TO SPEND TIME WITH THEM ETC WHICH I EXPLAINED WAS COBBLERS. SHE ALSO SAID SHE WAS USING THE PUB AS HER HOUSE TO HOST THIS GATHERING AS SHE LIVES ELSEWHERE. A COMPLETE NO NO FOR ME AS SHE SHOULD NOT BE LEAVING HOME FOR THIS. FAIR ENOUGH IF CHECKING THE PUB ETC BUT NOT A GATHERING.

IN RELATION TO FRIDAY, SHE SAID HER NEIGHBOUR WAS THERE AND SHOULDN'T HAVE BEEN AND CONFIRMED THAT SHE WASN'T IN A BUBBLE AS RECORDED ON THE LOG. SHE THEN CLAIMED THAT NEIGHBOUR JUST WALKED IN AND THEN SIX COPS

ARRIVED SECONDS LATER...

MY PATIENCE HAD WORN THIN A LONG TIME BEFORE THIS SO I CAUTIONED AND GAVE HER THE 200 FINE FOR NYE. I SAID WE WOULD BE CONSIDERING SECOND FINE FOR FRIDAY ONCE WE GET TO THE BOTTOM OF IT. SHE RECKONS CCTV WILL SHOW HER INNOCENCE FOR FRIDAY BUT ONLY LASTS SEVEN DAYS.

SHE THEN WENT ON ABOUT OTHER THINGS LIKE US SCARING HER 20YO SON WHO LIVES ABOVE THE PUB BY OUR KNOCKING, WOULD WE HAVE FINED HER ON NYE IF IT WAS HER OWN HOUSE BEFORE I ENDED THE CALL.

**Visit reference 54061.**

19<sup>th</sup> of January 2021.

CONTACTED MARIE VIA PHONE TO ARRANGE TO VIEW THE CCTV REGARDING LAST FRIDAY. SHE STATED THAT WHEN THEY HAVE CHECKED THE SYSTEM, IT WAS NOT WORKING AND HENCE CANNOT PROVE HER INNOCENCE. SHE ADDED THAT DUE TO AN INSURANCE REQUIREMENT, THE PREMISES CANNOT BE LEFT UNOCCUPIED SO SHE AND HER SISTER TAKE IT IN TURNS TO STAY THERE.

**Visit reference 56076**

On the 4<sup>th</sup> of September 2021 at 23:00 Sgt Hennighan attended the premises as part of a night time licensing patrol. The officer update innkeeper as follows-

ATTEMPTED VISIT BUT FAR TOO PACKED AND BOUNCING WITH THE FINEST LOCALS. NEEDS A PROPER WEEKEND WALKTHROUGH WITH AT LEAST THREE COPS. PUB VERY LOUD, KARAOKE, BUT MUSIC SEEMED TO BE TURNED OFF AT 2305. LOTS OF PEOPLE COMING OUT AND DRINKING AND SMOKING OUT FRONT DESPITE REAR BEER GARDEN. SOME SEEMED TO BE UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF COKE TOO GIVEN THEIR ANIMATED WAYS. NO PATROL TO ASSIST SO WILL NEED TO JACK UP PROPER CHECK.

**Visit reference 56231.**

On the 1<sup>st</sup> of October 2021 at 20:45 hrs, Ps Hennighan attended the premises-

VISIT MADE. LOUD INSIDE WITH KARAOKE BUT OKAY OUTSIDE. STEADY INSIDE BUT NOTICED A LOT OF YOUNG KIDS RUNNING AROUND. PARENTS DRINKING. SEEMED ODD. SPOKE WITH DPS ABOUT RECENT COMPLAINTS AND SUGGESTED THAT SMOKERS MAY BE BEST PLACED IN BEER GARDEN RATHER THAN FRONT OF PUB. NO DRUG USE IN BEER GARDEN.

3<sup>rd</sup> September 2021

Email request from Pc 2623 Jones requesting CCTV in relation to customers smoking drugs. No CCTV provided.

**The following options are available to the committee: -**

**1) Do nothing – However the evidence the premises are causing nuisance and disorder which appears to have increased since the new DPS and PLH have taken over causes grave concern regarding the Prevention of Crime and Disorder Licensing objectives.**

**2) Modify the conditions of the licence –**

**The Police feel that modifying the conditions to reduce the weekend hours could reduce the length of time customers can consume alcohol and prevent disorder into the early hours. The committee could also consider the following conditions:**

**Reducing the hours for live music. If the committee do not feel that a reduction in hours is proportionate, we ask that consideration is given to the premises employing door staff at problematic times to reduce incidents of disorder and to assist in the dispersal of customers.**

**We would also ask that a condition relating to providing CCTV to Police and authorised officers be considered as the premises failed to provide footage in relation to alleged COVID breaches. This would also assist in monitoring further breaches of conditions.**

**Conditions which specifies a time that customers are required to leave at the end of licensable activity to ensure that noise, not related to licensable activity is prevented.**

**3) Remove the Designated Premises Supervisor-May have very little impact as the current DPS is also the premises licence holder and would still have control over the premises.**

**4) Suspend the licence for a period not exceeding three months**

**5) Revoke the premises licence so that no alcohol can be sold at all.**

**In the opinion of Lancashire Police the information presented here indicates the total undermining of the prevention of Crime and Disorder and Prevention of public nuisance licensing objectives.**

Regards

  
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