

**Minutes of the Liverpool City Liquor Accord General Meeting  
Held at Liverpool Catholic Club  
Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> August 2015**

**In Attendance:**

Harry Hunt – Hunts Comfort Inn (Chairman)	Rachel Palermo – Liverpool City Council
Chris Donovan – Liverpool Catholic Club (Secretary)	Don Tully – New Commercial Hotel
John Zahija – BWS Miller	Matthew Lopez – DHI Hotels
Mathew Sofi – Gemelle Restaurant	Marta Liversedge – Top Drops Rossmore
Donny Magibb – Liquorland Casula	Anna Zaspel – Wattlegrove Hotel
John Henry – Kemps Creek Sports & Bowling Club	Nina Peera – Liquorland Liverpool
Margaret Helly – Railway Hotel	Aden Liddell – Moorebank Hotel
Grant Perry – DHI Green Valley	George Garcia – Contint
Nic Mazzucco – DHI Hotels	John Turnbull – Liverpool Catholic Club
Kee Sisouvath – Green Valley Police	Brett Lane – Workers Hubertus
	Kerrie White – Liverpool City Council
	Caroline Porter – Collingwood Hotel
	Jillian Gibson – Liverpool Police

**Apologies:** None

The chairman declared the meeting open at 11am.

Harry Hunt thanked John Turnbull and the Liverpool Catholic Club for hosting the meeting.

The secretary read the minutes from the previous general meeting. Marta Liversedge moved that the minutes be accepted as read. John Turnbull seconded the motion and the motion was carried unopposed.

Accord members present conducted self-introductions.

**New Business and Correspondence:**

Accord members conducted a discussion about possible introduction of a mandatory *no-colours* policy for accord members. Concern was noted by some members about specific signage requirements. It was noted that a benefit of adopting the accord condition was police enforcement of the policy as additional backing beyond venue rules.

It was suggested that the executive prepare and document the proposed resolution as well as example signage for review by accord members to allow feedback and requested changes to be made prior to submitting the proposed resolution for a vote at the next meeting.

**General Business:**

Kee Sisouvath presented the Green Valley LAC report. Notable items included:

- There was a 1% decrease in alcohol related incidents in the last 3 months
- There was seemingly an overall decrease in alcohol consumption over the period

- It is advised to continue cutting off patrons early before they become a problem and send them home
- A drug dog operation was conducted during the quarter with a very small amount of drug detection; this was a positive result
- Octoberfest the next planned operation
- John Henry asked whether police can provide venues information about patrons detected with drugs
- Jill Gibson advised that in instances of detection police will complete and serve patron with a barring notice and provide the venue with a copy

Jillian Gibson presented the Liverpool LAC report. Notable items included:

- There were 9033 incidents during the reporting period, 4% were alcohol related
- 15% of domestic violence incidents during the period were alcohol related
- There were 7 venues with 15 related PCA incidents, mostly licensed venues in outer areas which offered courtesy buses
- Rachel Palermo from Liverpool City Council noted that venues are able to take advantage of the Council's free breathalysers and encouraged venues to contact her to arrange loans of the equipment outside of the long weekend
- 32 of 35 recorded thefts were at packaged liquor outlets
- Thefts are a significant proportion of alcohol related incidents
- There is a packaged liquor outlet in the area on the projected problem venue list
- Adel Liddell suggested that extra CCTV and monitors in stores where patrons can see themselves being recorded is a deterrent and reduces incidents
- Jill Gibson suggested that a *wall of shame* approach may be effective, that soft enforcement leads to increased incidents and that even a fake wall of shame may assist
- Harry Hunt asked Jill Gibson about domestic violence and drug use in the area
- Jill noted that
  - There are 25 mandatory domestic violence questions officers ask when called to an incident
  - They are holding weekly domestic violence police meetings
  - Liverpool Police have 86% rate of legal pursuit of offenders in domestic violence incidents
  - There are instances of female perpetrators
  - Ice is rampant in the Liverpool area
  - There are drug labs in unexpected areas
  - Ice and other drugs are cheaper than alcohol, which is being priced out of the market
  - Licensees are encouraged to inform police if they suspect drug dealing in their venues

There being no further business Harry Hunt closed the meeting at 12:30pm.