

Boardwalk Review-Police Representation.

I am Police Constable 2338 Andrew Taylor of Lancashire Constabulary. I have been a serving Police Officer for 28 years and a Police Licensing Officer for the past 8 years.

On behalf of the Chief Constable I would like to make representations in support of the review of the Boardwalk, 100 Marine Road, Morecambe, LA4 4DR.

This evidence is provided to assist the Licensing Committee to make an informed judgement on the evidence submitted. The people I shall mention are Lee WALLETT the current DPS and Licence Holder and Charles Edwards who was DPS and still works at this location.

Timeline

Boardwalk management:

On 28th June 2019 Police received a change of DPS from ***** to Charles Edwards.

On 8th September 2020 Police received a change of DPS from Charles Edwards to Lee Michael Wallett.

On 18th June 2021 Police received paperwork for the transfer of the Premises Licence from Bay Properties Letting LTD to Lee Wallett.

On 10th August 2022 Police received paperwork from Lancaster City Council for a Review of the Premises Licence by Environmental Health.

Evidence

POLICE LOGS 01/06/19 to 11/08/22

We have included these dates as they tie in with this review and the dates that Environmental Health have included. There were 70 logs but I have only included those that are relevant for this review:

[LC-20191020-0094](#)

Reference

Assault

BOARDWALK 100 MARINE ROAD MORECAMBE LA44DQ

20/10/2019 1:11

WB42

INF IS ASKING FOR POLICE AS HE HAS JUST BEEN ASSAULTED AS HE HAS BEEN JUMPED. -- HE SAYS THE OFFENDER IS ***** - HE SAYS THAT HE IS IN THE BOARDWALK -- INF IS NOW CURRENTLY OUTSIDE THE WELLINGTON. HE SAYS

HE WAS BOOTED IN THE FACE AND HE WAS PUNCHED-OFFENDER POSSIBLY IN BOARDWALK.

EMAILS RELATING TO CHARLIE EDWARDS-ATTITUDE WITH POLICE.

PC 5231 Abby Twiname email post incident (21st October 2019)

Hello Andy,

I went to an assault which occurred outside the Boardwalk (where MegaZone used to be). The DBS (**means DPS**) on the night was Charlie Edwards. I was surprised by his attitude. When I arrived at the scene he said WHAT DO YOU WANT? I asked him HAS ANYONE BEEN FIGHTING HERE ? He said NO ONE FIGHTS HERE. The conversation went down-hill from here. I was looking for a suspect for an assault where the victim had lost consciousness and he kept interfering pointing out people who had blonde hair in the most accusing manner as if to say the description I had could fit anyone, and being generally a hindrance. So I told him to leave me to it.

I found said offender and he (EDWARDS) came over saying 'HE'S BEEN HERE ALL NIGHT'. So I said I'd check their CCTV if that's his alibi. I can only assume they were friends. The offender was arrested, and whilst we were doing this. He said CAN YOU MOVE YOUR CAR? He was told no because we were dealing with someone. He then goes to someone else but speaking loudly 'I WISH THEY'D MOVE THEIR FUCKING CAR, FOR FUCKS SAKE. NOTHING HAS EVEN HAPPENED ON MY PREMISES'.

I went to check the CCTV and he could not work it. There was no one there to work the CCTV. He said he would send it to me via email which never arrived. He turned into a 'lovely person' then. I reminded him that it would be in his license to have working CCTV and to have someone to work it. (The premises licence has CCTV conditions-refer to licence).

He was of the view that it was OK for him to get it for police in the morning. I told him otherwise and to check his license. I spoke to him about his comments about our cars and he was of the opinion that it was bad for his business as it looked like there had been trouble at his premises when there hadn't, so I said well that's yet to be proved otherwise. Officers went the next day to get the CCTV and it is still not available.

I suspect the CCTV does not show what he says it does, which is why it is conveniently not available. The offender has been RUI'd pending us getting the CCTV.

Also there wasn't any door staff anywhere near.

Kind Regards Abby

PC Taylor's reply to officer and follow up to breach of licence:

I have spoken to the DPS Charlie EDWARDS this morning (21st October 2019) regarding the CCTV at the venue. You are right there are CCTV conditions on the licence requiring the venue provide footage on request of an Officer who should provide reason etc and if download required a DP1 should be provided. He states he now knows how to use it and apologies. He is dropping off the footage at Morecambe Station this morning the 21st. I have told him there is a breach of the licence and this will be recorded on our systems and at this stage a warning is sufficient.

In relation to his attitude and I have pointed out the need as a DPS to work with Police and not be interfere and he is very apologetic regarding how he spoke to you.

[LC-20191101-1682](#)

Reference

Nuisance

BOARDWALK 100 MARINE ROAD MORECAMBE LA44DQ

01/11/2019 22:54

WB42

WE HAVE A MALE HERE ***** HE IS REFUSING TO LEAVE. LOTS OF SHOUTING IN THE BACK-GROUND STAFF HAVE ASKED THE MALE TO LEAVE AND HE IS REFUSING ... HE IS NOW STOOD BY THE FRONT DOOR BUT THERE IS STILL SHOUTING IN THE BACK-GROUND LAST NAME. LEFT PRIOR TO POLICE ARRIVAL.

[LC-20191226-0097](#)

Reference

Nuisance

BOARDWALK 100 MARINE ROAD MORECAMBE LA44DQ

26/12/2019 1:12

WB42

CHARLES EDWARDS-INFT PHONING TO SAY A FEMALE IS REFUSING TO LEAVE AND SHE IS CAUSING CRIMINAL DAMAGE TO THE PROPERTY - SHE IS THREATENING TO BRING OTHER PEOPLE - HIGHLY INTOXICATED - INFT HAS HAD AN ALTERCATION BETWEEN HIMSELF AND FEMALE AS HE IS IN A RELATIONSHIP WITH HER SISTER. LEFT PRIOR POLICE ARRIVAL.

[LC-20200208-1848](#)

Reference

Public Order

BOARDWALK 100 MARINE ROAD MORECAMBE LA44DQ

08/02/2020 23:48

WB42

CUSTOMER IS INT HE PUB THREATENING TO ASSAULT STAFF AND HAVE THE PLACE BURNT DOWN BY TOMORROW MORNING. HE IS STILL INSIDE BY THE DOOR, REFUSING TO LEAVE. TWO MEMBERS OF STAFF ARE WITH HIM AT THE MINUTE—MALE EJECTED.

[LC-20200222-1768](#)

Reference

Assault

BOARDWALK 100 MARINE ROAD MORECAMBE LA44DQ

22/02/2020 22:55

WB42

MALE HAS BEEN ASSAULTED FIRST AIDERS ARE TENDING TO THE MALE-OFFENDERS HAVE MADE OFF-THERE IS A NURSE ON SCENE WHO JUST HAPPENS TO BE THERE, AMB HAS BEEN CALLED-SERIOUS HEAD TRAUMA-1 ARRESTED.

[LC-20200321-0125](#)

Reference

Nuisance

BOARDWALK 100 MARINE ROAD MORECAMBE LA44DQ

21/03/2020 1:32

WB42

MOP-THE PUB NEXT DOOR IS STILL SERVING AND PLAYING MUSIC REALLY LOUD IT ONLY USUALLY HAS A LICENSE TIME OF 1AM BUT NOW SHOULDN'T EVEN BE OPEN DUE TO THE PRIME MINISTERS ANNOUNCEMENT LAST NIGHT-LICENSED TIL 1AM REGARDLESS OF PRIME MINISTERS ANNOUNCEMENT. NOT CHECKED ALL BUSY. THIS LOG WAS ON A FRIDAY GOING INTO SATURDAY-LICENCE STATES SUPPLY OF ALCOHOL UNTIL 1AM.

[LC-20200321-0168](#)

Reference

Nuisance

BOARDWALK 100 MARINE ROAD MORECAMBE LA44DQ

21/03/2020 2:07

WB42

INFT REPORTING THE PUB HAVE A LICENSE TO BE OPEN TILL 1AM THEY HAVE BEEN PLAYING LOUD MUSIC SINCE 8PM AND ARE STILL DOING SO -- INFT IS 3 FLOORS UP AND CAN STILL HEAR IT -- LICENSED TO SERVE ALCOHOL TILL 1AM

SECOND CALL ON THE SAME NIGHT.

[LC-20200730-1545](#)

Reference

Nuisance

BOARDWALK 100 MARINE ROAD MORECAMBE LA44DQ

30/07/2020 21:26

WB42

CHARLIE EDWARDS- INF IS STAFF FROM THE PUB SAYS THERE IS A MALE REFUSING TO LEAVE - HE IS BEING AGGRESSIVE AND REFUSING TO LEAVE HE IS SHOUTING - HE HAS BEEN THERE FOR AN HOUR- INF HAS REFUSED TO SERVE HIM- 1 UNDER ARREST FOR D&D AND POSS CLASS B DRUGS.

[LC-20200801-0161](#)

Reference

Nuisance

BOARDWALK 100 MARINE ROAD MORECAMBE LA44DQ

01/08/2020 1:16

WB42

INFT REPORTING THAT THERE IS A LARGE GROUP OF 20-30 ON THE ROOF TOP OF THE PUB BEING EXTREMELY LOUD - I (COMMS) CAN HEAR THEM THROUGH THE PHONE - THE OWNER OF THE PUB DOES NOT HAVE A LICENCE FOR MUSIC THERE AND THE COUNCIL ARE AWARE OF THIS ISSUE- INFT STATES THERE ARE NO SOCIAL DISTANCE-PASSED TO COUNCIL.

[LC-20200803-0141](#)

Reference

Assault

BOARDWALK 100 MARINE ROAD MORECAMBE LA44DQ

03/08/2020 3:18

WB42

ON GOING DISTURBANCE MALE SHOUTING (CHARLIE EDWARDS) PLS STOP, PLS STOP BITING ME. LINE HAS CLEARED. POLICE ATTENDED FEMALE ARRESTED SUS ASSAULT. EDWARD'S PARTNER.

[LC-20200830-1201](#)

Reference

Police Generated Resource Activity

BOARDWALK 100 MARINE ROAD MORECAMBE LA44DQ

30/08/2020 17:47

WB42

MALE HAS BEEN ARRESTED D&D HE HAS BEEN SHOUTING AT DOOR STAFF AT THE BOARDWALK - MALE OFFICER TO ATTEND CUSTODY FOR SEARCH PLEASE

[LC-20200913-0083](#)

Reference

Public Order

BOARDWALK 100 MARINE ROAD MORECAMBE LA44DQ

13/09/2020 0:53

WB42

TWO FEMALES FIGHTING WITH DOOR STAFF-POLICE ATTEND ALL PARTIES ADVISED-NFA

[LC-20210204-1631](#)

Reference

Criminal Damage Excluding Vehicles

BOARDWALK 100 MARINE ROAD MORECAMBE LA44DQ

04/02/2021 23:34

WB42

INFT STATES THERE IS A MALE IN HIS FRONT GARDEN BANGING VERY LOUDLY MAY BE TRYING TO GET IN THE PROPERTY - INFT LIVES ABOVE THE PUB INFT IS TRYING TO FIND HIS KEYS TO GO DOWN - NO DESC INFT IS DOWNSTAIRS NOW - CAN'T SEE HIM - INFT HAS GONE OUTSIDE NOW -DAMAGE TO WINDOW.

[LC-20210814-1515](#)

Reference

Public Order

BOARDWALK 100 MARINE ROAD MORECAMBE LA44DQ

14/08/2021 20:01

WB42

INF HEAD DOORMAN-ADVISES BIG BRAWL-ROUGHLY 8 PEOPLE-NOW ALL LEFT-ONE MALE IS BLEEDING HEAVILY-AMB NEEDED-BLEEDING FROM HEAD-2 INJ MOP-POSS NEEDED STITCHES-POLICE ATTENDED-UNDER INV.

[LC-20211117-1320](#)

Reference

Criminal Damage Excluding Vehicles

BOARDWALK 100 MARINE ROAD MORECAMBE LA44DQ

17/11/2021 18:58

WB42

CHARLIE EDWARDS - VERY ANGRY INFT ON PHONE STATING MALE HAS JUST SMASHED HIS WINDOW OF HIS PROPERTY - - INFT STATES THIS MALE IS SAYING HE IS TRYING TO KILL HIM - CAN HEAR MALE SAYING THIS IN THE BACKGROUND - OFFENDER SHOUTING VERY LOUDLY, VERY INTOXICATED-NO PATROLS CLEAR-LONG DELAY IN ATTENDING-MALE ARRESTED SUS DAMAGE, ASSAULT.

[LC-20211121-0093](#)

Reference

Assault

BOARDWALK 100 MARINE ROAD MORECAMBE LA44DQ

21/11/2021 1:18

WB42

ABANDONED CALL NO REQUEST MADE NO SOUNDS OF DISTURBANCE AS SUCH COULD HEAR MALE VOICE IN THE BACKGROUND ON RECALL NOW SPEAKING TO A FEMALE SHE SAYS SHE IS OUTSIDE THE BOARD WALK AND THERE IS MALE WHO HAS BEEN ATTACKED ASKED HER DID SHE KNOW HE HAD BEEN ATTACKED AND SHE SAID SHE DIDNT SEE IT BUT HIS FACE HAS BEEN "ROUGHED UP" HE IS MISSING A TOOTH AND BLEEDING FROM MOUTH AND NOSE.

[LC-20211217-1641](#)

Reference

Nuisance

BOARDWALK 100 MARINE ROAD MORECAMBE LA44DQ

17/12/2021 23:02

WB42

INFORMANT WISHING TO REPORT NOISE NUISANCE COMING FROM THE PUB - INFORMANT STATES THAT HE HAS CONTACT THE COUNCIL ON NUMEROUS OCCASIONS. ADVISED WOULD BRING THE LOG TO THE ATTENTION OF THE LICENSING DEPT. ADVISED INFORMANT TO KEEP REPORTING TO THE COUNCIL.

[LC-20211219-0012](#)

Reference

Assault

BOARDWALK 100 MARINE ROAD MORECAMBE LA44DQ

19/12/2021 0:06

WB42

AMB ADVISING OF AN ASSAULT OUTSIDE OF 100 MARINE RD WEST --- A MALE HAS BEEN ASSAULTED BY SOMEONE AND HAS A HEAD INJURY, BLEEDING BUT

NOT SERIOUS MALE IS NOT ALERT --- THIS HAS COME IN FROM SECOND PARTY, LANDLORD OF THE PUB AMB ARE ON SCENE-MALE HIT 50 TIMES ON FLOOR IN FACE-NO ATT TO STOP BY ON DUTY DOOR STAFF-POLICE NOT CALLED.

[LC-20220501-0991](#)

Reference

Nuisance

BOARDWALK 100 MARINE ROAD MORECAMBE LA44DQ

01/05/2022 17:00

WB42

INF REPORTING THE PUB NEXT TO HER CAUSING NUISANCE DUE TO PLAYING MUSIC FOR 14 HOURS A DAY - THE INF HAS GONE THROUGH THE COUNCIL. COUNCIL HAVE BEEN IN ON NUMEROUS OCCASIONS TO TELL THEM TO TURN THE MUSIC DOWN SO THEY DO BUT IT GOES BACK UP- A FINE HAS ALREADY BEEN ISSUED AND THE MUSIC IS STILL VERY LOUD- THERE ARE TWO YOUNG CHILDREN AT THE ADDRESS WHO CAN'T SLEEP DUE TO THIS NOISE- THERE ARE PEOPLE OUT IN THE STREET INTOXICATED A LOT OF THE TIME. SHOUTING ETC

Summary of logs

19 Logs relate to the venue-these logs presented relate to serious assaults and public order at the venue.

There also some relating to the noise issues and patrons outside the venue in the drinking areas.

This shows evidence along with the noise issues that a review of the premises licence is necessary to ensure the venue is safe for the public to use.

Committee consideration

The following options are available to the committee:

1. Do nothing-however there are some grave concerns about the running of this premises and how it is managed.
2. Modify the conditions on the licence as requested.
3. Remove the Designated Premises Supervisor.
4. Suspend the premises licence for a period not exceeding three months.
5. Revoke the Premises Licence so that no Licensable Activity can take place on this premises.

PROPOSED CONDITIONS OR VARIATIONS TO THE CURRENT LICENCE:

If the premises is allowed to continue to trade then Police request that the hours of business for sales of alcohol are changed as such-Thursday to Sunday 1000 hours to 2300 hours daily.

Also ask that consideration is given to removing the licensable activities of performance of live music, playing or recorded music and performance of dance from the licence.

Or if not removed then the hours of these activities are changed as such-Thursday to Sunday 1000 hours to 2300 hours daily.

Remove the licensable activity of late refreshment licence 2300-0100 hours Thursday-Sunday in line with reducing other licensable activities.

Opening hours of the premises are changed on Thursday-Sunday to 1000 to 2300 hours daily.

To consider removing the off sales of alcohol from the premises.

To consider closing off the use of the balcony area and seating.

To consider closing off the use of the front outside areas and seating.

If these three requests not optional then the use of Polycarb or toughened drinking vessels will be used in the outside areas.

Police request that consideration is given to adding the following conditions to the licence (if premises allowed to trade)

Challenge 25 to replace C18 on licence.

A documented Challenge 25 scheme will be operated at the premises. The Challenge 25 scheme shall be actively promoted and advertised at the premises and will ensure that any person purchasing alcohol, who appears to be under 25 years of age, shall be asked to provide acceptable identification to prove that they are 18 years of age or over. Failure to supply such identification will result in no sale or supply of alcohol to that person.

The Proof of Age Standards Scheme (PASS) will be actively promoted at the premises by the display of Challenge 25 posters bearing the PASS logo.

A PASS accredited holographic proof of age card will be the main identification document accepted at the premises as proof of age. A PASS card must be accepted as proof of age if a purchaser possesses one. Where a purchaser does not possess a PASS accredited proof of age card, only the following alternative forms of alternative identification will be acceptable:

- (a) Photo driving licence
- (b) Passport or

(c) Her Majesty's Forces Warrant Card

An incident book will be maintained in which there will be recorded:

- All incidents of crime and disorder
- Refused sales to suspected under-age and drunken persons.
- A record of any person asked to leave the premises.
- Details of occasions on which the police are called to the premises.
- A record of persons searched on suspicion that drugs are being carried and the reason for such suspicion.

The book will be available for inspection by a police officer or authorised person on demand.

CCTV conditions to replace CCTV conditions on licence (this would provide clarity on exactly what is expected from the management of venue in terms of CCTV)

CCTV equipment shall be installed and be maintained in good working order in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions. Training should be provided for staff members in the usage of the CCTV equipment. CCTV footage recorded must, as a minimum, cover each entry/exit point of the premises and be recording at all times when the premises is conducting licensable activities.

The images recorded by the CCTV system shall be retained in unedited form for a period of not less than 21 days.

The Data Controller will make footage available within a reasonable time to a Police Constable or Authorised Officer, where such request is made in accordance with and which satisfies the Data Protection Act 1998.

Door staff conditions (necessary for door staff conditions to assist in keeping the public safe)

On Friday and Saturday a minimum of 2 SIA registered door staff must be on duty for the first 100 customers from 18:00 hours to close followed by an extra one member of door staff for each additional 100 customers or part thereof. They must cover the door at all times until close.

A written record shall be kept on the premises by the Designated Premises Supervisor of every person employed on the premises as a door supervisor in a register kept for that purpose. That record shall contain the following details:

- the door supervisor's name, date of birth and home address
- his/her Security Industry Authority licence number

- the time and date he/she start and finishes duty
- the time of any breaks taken whilst on duty

On any other day of trading the DPS must use the following 'risk assess' door staff condition:

Any requirement for SIA Door Staff to be on a risk assessment basis such as: Music Festivals, St Patrick's Day, Bank Holidays, last Friday before Christmas known as 'Black Eye Friday', Any showing of major sporting events including Boxing, Football (World Cup, European Championships, Premier League), Wrestling etc,

Where there is information from Police where security is needed such as a wake, funeral or high tensions in the area and community.

Also consideration for SIA Door Staff for Private Bookings or events such as Christenings, Birthdays, Funeral Wakes where there is a possibility of large numbers of patrons.

The DPS must risk assess these events and have in place sufficient SIA Door Staff cover to manage the premises and ensure the Licensing Objectives are being promoted.

Any bookings, events etc where large numbers expected (large numbers being in excess of what the DPS usually expects on any given day of trading) then the DPS is requested to email Police Licensing.

Management are welcome to contact Police Licensing for any advice on these matters.

Guidelines for SIA Door Staff are 2 x SIA Door Staff cover for the first 100 patrons then a further 1 x SIA Door Staff cover for each 100 patrons therein.

Close

In the opinion of Lancashire Constabulary the information presented today is clear evidence that the licensing objectives of prevention of crime and disorder, public safety and public nuisance are being undermined.

Lancashire Constabulary respectfully ask that this committee take relevant action deemed appropriate to ensure this premises trade in line with the licence and promotes the 4 licensing objectives.