

<p>Council</p> <p>1 February 2018</p>	<p>Agenda Item 86(1)</p> <p>Brighton & Hove City Council</p>
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(1) Deputation concerning the PVP St James' Street Party

We the under listed members of The Kingscliffe Society wish to make a deputation for moving the PVP (St James's Street Party) down onto Madeira Drive, at the next full Council Meeting on the 19th April 2018.

We therefore would refer to the Economic Development & Culture Committee meeting 13/11/ 2014 and to Agenda item 35 (ref 3.28.21) in support.

Introduction

We the Kingscliffe Society and on behalf of many other businesses and residents have sent the Council a notification of a Declaration dated 7th April 2018. The subject of the Declaration is a list of the effects imposed on us, without any effective consideration of our needs, by the St James's Street Party (PVP). We will introduce a copy of an Email from the Pride organisation issued prior to the actual event for the comparison of our list of effects with their proposed action plan.

There are amongst our residents the old – some housebound, some less able and some who require help two or three times a day. There are young families that cannot afford simply to move away and rent, because it is the most expensive time of the year. The late night noise of the street party disturbs everyone young & elderly well into the night. Many of our more lucky residents simply move away temporarily, but some of our local businesses have to bite the bullet and close, losing a valuable weekend's income and more.

The resulting street conditions can only be described as a disgusting nightmare. All of these problems have been growing from year to year without being resolved and without respect and consideration for us all. In past years pre---event public meetings have been called without informing all the businesses and residents, yet still claiming a favourable response, even though the real views and/or consent of all those concerned have never been sought.

The original purpose of this party as a celebration of the gay community has been completely undermined by the presence of a vast army of hangers--on, who appear intent only on unlicensed excess and drink/drug taking, and who have no natural connection to the city at any other time of the year. We are obliged to live with the effects for days afterwards and we then dread the fact that it will all happen again next year, getting worse each time.

There are no real reasons why this event should not be moved to the adjacent seafront at Madeira Drive. Proper controls could be more easily instituted, while few, if any, of the residents would be seriously affected. At least any acts of appalling drunkenness and bad behaviour would not be occurring close to our homes, properties and businesses. [It might even become an event to which people would be proud to bring grandparents or nieces and nephews.]

With due respect, we cannot imagine that any of our Councillors would like the St James's Street party imposed on their own home and front doorstep for a full weekend Friday night to Sunday night. We therefore respectfully request Council not to give permission for this event to take place in the St James's Street area.

We are grateful to all members and businesses who have taken the time to send us feedback about last year's event. The following is a summary of last year's event:

- No street cleaning until days after the event and only St. James Street was
- cleaned, the side streets were ignored
- No rubbish collectors during the event
- Nobody from Pride was visible or contactable during the event
- Sound systems not adhering to their contractual start/finish times
- Toilets were installed even though the contactors were aware they were not

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- working
- Nobody in charge of the stewards who had at best a disinterested attitude in their role
- Feedback from many attendees at the event was that bags and wristbands were not checked
- No security in attendance in any of the side streets
- External Police Forces were used who did not know the area - they did not know where evacuation points were
- Excessive on-line 'administration' fees as well as processing fees for wristbands
- How it is always Aeon Productions and its associates who wins the tender for the event even when they are offered cheaper and better alternatives
- No local consultation regarding the event
- Residents were refused access by the security guards at the bottom of Dorset Gardens
- We used to enjoy the street party when it was actually focused on the gay community - rather than the economically motivated, overcrowded heterosexual Carnival now being promoted
- We were annoyed to have to wear wristbands to shop in our own community
- Police coverage in the St James' Street area virtually non-existent

Collated by The Kingsliffe Society.

We will be meeting the event organisers shortly to discuss this and we will also present feedback to a meeting of the full Council in due course.

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Supporting Information:

Dear Kingscliffe Society,

Thank you for your most recent correspondence the content of which has been noted. With regard to your request to be provide with copies of our plan and risk assessment i must once again state that these are not for public distribution.

These documents are not distributed in the public domain as they contain detailed security plans, which if publicly distributed, would undermine the safety and security of the entire event.

As explained previously Sussex Police carry out a threat assessment on the event and implement plans accordingly. At this time we have not been advised that there is a change to the threat assessment carried out by Sussex Police

I am not saying that our plans are secret but they do contain our security plans and therefore Pride will not share these plans with individuals outside of our agreed event planning team.

I have to disagree with you comment that I have for years strongly disagreed with moving the PVP to another location, this is not my view and we have already raised possible alternative options with statutory partners .

What I have said is, we believe that large numbers of people (not necessarily visitors to Pride) would simply return to St James Streets for what would be seen as a free public gathering; without the management and safety measures that Pride CIC have put in place. We are concerned about the negative and potentially dangerous consequences of such an un-managed gathering.

It would be irresponsible to request a relocation change for the Village party without fully exploring the consequences of what would happen in St James St & surrounding streets but I'm confident that should Kingscliffe Society or others produce a detailed plan to ensure the management and safety of large gathering on St James St or Marine parade or surrounding Streets that the appropriate authorities will give then due consideration to your plans.

Pride would also be seeking view of detailed plans before we would be able to embark on a funding and managing an event on Madeira Drive or other locations.

My response to two of your other questions are set out below.

1 Police Barricades

I would like to clarify with you that these are not barricades but barriers that are installed by the police counter terrorism team and are there to prevent unauthorised vehicles from entering the area at speed. These are staffed for the duration, from installation to removal they are not 3m high fences and would not in an emergency prevent people leaving the area.

Street Plan

I have attached a copy of the Street Plan that will be circulated to residents over the next two weeks along with information about the event, a contact number and email. for the weekend. This shows the venues that are participating in the event but they don't all have sound systems or stages those that do are...

George St - Queen Arms & Kings Arms share a stage

Broad St - Marine Tavern Stage

St James St - The Zone, Bulldog, Block - One music zone for this area DJs

St James St - Shortts Bar- DJs

Manchester Street - Mucky Duck Latest Music Bar & Bella Cafe share or one music zone

Marine Parade - RBar, CharlesSt, Bar Patterns, Amsterdam - One music zone

Marine Parade - Funky Fish/ New Madeira Hotel one music zone

Rock Place - Brighton Rock One music zone

Marlborough - Stage and Music

We would advise that you or others submit your plans to your local councilor who can then take this up with the relevant departments at BHCC.

Although Pride will continue community dialog around the PVP after this years event I would be grateful that you take up any further concerns with BHCC or Sussex Police as ultimately, the statutory authorities have the final say on any events held in the City.

Kind Regards

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All tickets revenue raised goes directly to the operational and running costs of producing the Pride Festival, LGBT Community Parade, Pride Village Party and community fundraising for the Rainbow Fund and Pride social impact fund.

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