

From: Richard Pearce

Sent: 08 June 2020 17:28

To: david.bizby@dyfed-powys.pnn.police.uk

Cc: Andrew Rees <RARees@carmarthenshire.gov.uk>

Subject: santa clara st. clears

After scrutinising the draft copy of the letter sent to Mr and Mrs Reynolds and now having received the penalty notice, i feel i need to drop this email to yourself and Mr Rees.

Firstly Mr and Mrs Reynolds had no knowledge of my intention or the actual opening of the public house to the gentlemen who had been working with me. The next day i contacted Mr Reynolds to inform him of the outcome of my stupidity. I have spoken at length to Mr Reynolds and offered to terminate my tenancy which he refused as we have built up a good working and personal relationship and for four years of being open we have not had any issues with police or licensing, He also added that before i took the pub over it was closed for a few years and if i left would it ever reopen, so we agreed to face any pending sanctions issued by the relevant parties.

I have been a personal licence holder for over twenty five years and a dps for over fifteen so i do understand the requirements expected. You are probably aware as was most of the country that Wales online and various newspapers reported on the incident which created over 350 social media comments, but only one of them is from this area. Following this I resigned from the town council as I did not want to bring scrutiny on them because of my stupidity. The past few months has highlighted how serious my actions could have been and all this negative publicity has been my own doing by being a licensee, councillor and member of various local charities and action groups. The second point and real reason for the email is to put on record my sincere apology for the incident and the blatant disregard of the

rules I broke because of my naive behaviour.

I would like to ask that the past four years be taken into consideration when deciding the next course of action against myself and the public house.

To finish I would like to comment regarding the chief inspector's recommendation that the public house be closed for a further three months after lockdown is lifted, this would be financially detrimental to myself as I could not withstand the further loss of income and I know the owners feel the same. The social issue is not down to me to comment on but this part of the town needs this establishment especially after this unprecedented time. As for the dps recommendation i can only leave that to yourselves.