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Shop boss told to step aside



Councillors have ordered the removal of the man in charge of a Boston shop where the electricity meter was bypassed.

Boston Borough Council's licensing sub-committee reviewed the premises licence for Boston Supermarket at 8 George Street at the request of Lincolnshire Police.

The sub-committee had grave concerns regarding the ability of Mr Salar Ali Karim to undertake the role of designated premises supervisor (DPS) given the offence of abstraction of electricity happened while he was in that role. It decided it was proportionate to remove Mr Karim as DPS.

The sub-committee had to consider whether the licensing objectives of preventing crime and disorder and public safety had been met. It heard that an offence of abstraction of electricity occurred during 2018/2019. The majority of money has now been paid back to the utility company to cover the electricity used.

The sub-committee noted that during the time of the abstraction Mr Karim was the DPS at the property. Mr Karim's representative advised the sub-committee that although he was in control during the time of the abstraction, due to a back problem he had passed more control to his son. Mr Karim, the sole director of Boston European Supermarket Ltd, advised the committee that he was unaware of the abstraction and this was undertaken by his son. Mr Karim stated he has since sacked his

son and he no longer works at the premises.

Police had earlier said that £30,000 worth of electricity had been illegally obtained and the meter bypass was dangerous, putting staff and the public in danger. Because a £15,000 payment was made immediately and arrangements made to recover the rest the utility company did not want to pursue a criminal complaint.

The sub-committee heard that following the abstraction, changes were made to the monitoring of the electricity supply and a maintenance contract had been entered into with an electrician. The sub-committee has therefore decided it is proportionate to include the following conditions on the licence:

- A maintenance contract will be entered into and at all times be valid with a qualified electrician. This contract should be made available to the police and licensing authority on request.

- In so far as it complies with access requirements by the utility company, the cupboard where the electricity supply is kept will be locked and two keys supplied. One key will be retained by the electrician named in the maintenance contract, the other key to be retained by a named responsible person. The names of the key holders to be made available to responsible authorities upon request.

The sub-committee issued a strict warning as to future conduct.

Mr Karim now has a right to appeal within 21 days

Little restaurant, big heart, top award

Kirton Cottage is a little restaurant with a big heart where customers are individuals receiving personal attention. The restaurant has had a little personal attention of its own recently – and emerged with flying colours. It is among the latest food establishments to undergo routine inspections by Boston Borough Council's environmental health experts and be awarded the top food hygiene rating of five.

Read the full article and find out who else is tops for food hygiene <https://bit.ly/2YV08as>



Who is more constant than the Five Lamps?

He's a big personality on Boston Market... Find out at <https://bit.ly/2GPuSzu>



It's no carve up! It's art

<https://bit.ly/2ZKeHek>

...and...

<https://bit.ly/2KCGmaS>

Sayonara to Hakusan, Japan

Students from Boston spent two weeks in Japan cementing good relations between the town and Hakusan. Find out more if you want to be considered for the 2020/21 Hakusan City Exchange.

Read the full article and see pictures at <https://bit.ly/2SVIJKt>

Events coming up for all ages

The fairies know what the weather holds and have moved their tiny secret home out of Central Park and into the Guildhall for tomorrow's (Wednesday, August 14) fairy door hunt. Tickets are £2.50 and can be booked at www.visitbostonuk.com Funded by Boston Town Area Committee (BTAC)

On Thursday and Friday, August 15 and 16, there will be more free fun in Central Park when beach days are held from 10am to 3pm. It's free and there will be donkey rides, face painting, toddler play area, bouncy castle, giant tortoises and fun sports as well as the Central Park beach. Supported by Boston Big Local.

Central Park is again the place to be between noon and 3pm on Monday, August 19. Bring your picnic and join in the playtime fun.

Check out lots of other events taking place at www.visitbostonuk.com and add your own events to the website for free.

The Bulletin is taking a little summer break – returning to you on September 10. The Bulletin delivers information and news from the council direct to residents as a no-cost electronic newsletter available to all. Let your family, friends and neighbours know they can sign up to receive it by emailing emma.staff@boston.gov.uk

£250,000 business grant anyone?

Projects which will bring economic growth to the area could qualify for grants in excess of £250,000. The Greater Lincolnshire Local Enterprise Partnership (GLLEP) wants to hear all about short to medium-term projects which could qualify for match funding. <https://bit.ly/2GWazR2>

Best small businesses step forward

Do you know of a small business in Boston borough deserving of a "most outstanding" accolade?

We have many excellent small businesses in this area – producers of excellent food from Lincolnshire recipes and produce, engineers making products such as trailers and farm machinery and many run by families for generations easily come to mind.

The Federation of Small Businesses is looking for the best of the small businesses in the East Midlands as entries in the FSB Celebrating Small Business Awards 2020.

Small businesses are being urged to enter before the closing date of January 17, 2020. <https://bit.ly/2MKTYDo>