

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

EAST AYRSHIRE LOCAL LICENSING FORUM

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 21 AUGUST 2008 AT 1400 HOURS IN MEETING ROOM 2, COUNCIL HEADQUARTERS, LONDON ROAD, KILMARNOCK

PRESENT: James Boyd, Resident; Carolyn McEwan and Ian Hiles, Licensing Standard Officers; Patrick Brown, Scottish Beer and Pub Association; James Kelly, Resident; David Little, Licence Holder; Dr Maggie Watts, NHS Ayrshire and Arran; and Alistair Kelly and Alan Lawrence, Strathclyde Police.

ATTENDING: Stuart McCall, Depute Clerk to the Licensing Board; Margaret Gardiner, Senior Practitioner, Dialogue Youth; and Lynn Young, Administrative Officer.

APOLOGIES: John Campbell, Licensing Board Member; and Liam Wells, Social Work Department.

CHAIR: James Boyd, Chair.

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

1. Chief Inspector Alan Lawrence, Strathclyde Police, introduced Sergeant Alistair Kelly to his fellow Members of the Local Licensing Forum.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

2. There were submitted and noted as a correct record, the Minutes of the meeting held on 24 April 2008 (circulated).

EAST AYRSHIRE CHILDREN AND YOUNG PERSONS' FORUM

3. There was received a presentation from Margaret Gardiner, Senior Practitioner, Dialogue Youth, on the East Ayrshire Children and Young Persons' Forum.

Members of the Forum asked questions of Margaret who responded accordingly.

Dr Maggie Watts joined the meeting during the questions by the Licensing Forum Members.

Following discussion, it was agreed that:-

- (i) Members of the East Ayrshire Children and Young Persons' Forum and the Young Scot Young Discounters, be invited to participate in the Local Licensing Forum meetings;
- (ii) in light of (i) above, the Senior Practitioner provide the Licensing Standard Officers with future dates of Children and Young Persons' Forum and Young Scot Young Discounters meetings to allow the Licensing Standard Officers to make contact with the Groups; and
- (iii) with regards to the validity of the Young Scot ID card, that the Senior Practitioner provide the Licensing Standard Officers with the Scottish Executive "Pass Packs" to allow the Licensing Standard Officers to provide the packs to licensees.

The Chair then thanked Margaret Gardiner for an interesting and informative presentation.

LICENSING POLICY STATEMENT

CRITERIA FOR CHILDREN ENTERING LICENSED PREMISES UNDER THE LICENSING STANDARDS ACT 2005

4. The Depute Clerk to the Licensing Board reported and it was noted that those licensees who currently held a Children Certificate to allow children to enter licensed premises under the Licensing Standards Act 2005, would remain until 31 August 2009.

He further advised and it was noted that from 1 September 2009, under the new legislation, any approved licences would require to have conditions attached and that licensees would require to "opt in" to allow children on their premises.

Following the report from the Depute Clerk to the Licensing Board, it was agreed:-

- (i) to recommend to the Licensing Board that a set of conditions relating to children entering licensed premises, be attached to approved licenses from 1 September 2009; and
- (ii) to recommend to the Licensing Board to incorporate any conditions, as per (i) above, into the Licensing Policy Statement.

LICENSING (SCOTLAND) ACT 2005 - UPDATE ON TRANSITIONAL APPLICATIONS

5. There was submitted and noted a report (circulated) by the Clerk to the Licensing Board which updated on the progress of transitional applications from the start of the transitional period, 1 February 2008, to the current date.

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6. It was noted that there were no new issues to report under this heading but that it would remain as a standing item on the Forum's Agenda.

CHANGING SCOTLAND'S RELATIONSHIP WITH ALCOHOL

7. There was submitted a flyer and consultation questionnaire (circulated) by Ayrshire and Arran Alcohol and Drug Action Team (ADAT) on the Scottish Government's new discussion paper "Changing Scotland's Relationship with Alcohol"; and East Ayrshire Licensing Board's completed consultation questionnaire (circulated at the meeting).

Following discussion, it was agreed:-

- (i) that it was the view of the Local Licensing Forum that the consultation by Ayrshire and Arran Alcohol and Drug Action Team was premature and any views should be given following the implementation of the new legislation in 1 September 2009; and
- (ii) that the views of the Local Licensing Forum as detailed in (i) above, be incorporated within the completed consultation response by East Ayrshire Licensing Board.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

8. It was noted that the next meeting would be a joint meeting with East Ayrshire Licensing Board, the date of which has to be confirmed.

The meeting terminated at 1525 hours.