

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

EAST AYRSHIRE LOCAL LICENSING FORUM

**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 24 APRIL 2008 AT 1400 HOURS
IN MEETING ROOM 1, COUNCIL HEADQUARTERS, LONDON ROAD,
KILMARNOCK**

PRESENT: James Boyd, Resident; Carolyn McEwan and Ian Hiles, Licensing Standards Officers; Heather McNae, Strathclyde Police; David Little, Licence Holder; Liam Wells, Social Work Department, East Ayrshire Council; John Campbell, Licensing Board Member; and Eric Brown, British Institute of Innkeepers.

ATTENDING: Stuart McCall, Depute Clerk to the Licensing Board; and Christine Baillie, Administrative Officer.

APOLOGIES: Sharon Flynn, NHS Ayrshire and Arran; Dr Maggie Watts, ADAT Lodge; James Kelly, Resident; and Patrick Browne, Scottish Beer and Pub Association.

CHAIR: James Boyd, Chair.

CHAIR'S REMARKS

1. The Chair welcomed to the meeting Heather McNae, from Strathclyde Police Licensing Division.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

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

UPDATE ON LOCAL LICENSING FORUMS

3. There was submitted an update received from John McFarlane, National Licensing Officer on Local Licensing Forums, for discussion (circulated).

The undernoted points were raised during discussion:-

3.1 Young Persons' Representative

The report advised that it was important to have representation of young people on the Forum

In this connection it was agreed:-

- (i) to remit to Christine Baillie, Administrative Officer, to make contact with appropriate Officers who had responsibility for East Ayrshire Council's Children and Young Persons Forum to discuss;
- (ii) to remit to Heather McNae, Strathclyde Police, to investigate the possibility of the Forum receiving a presentation on Test Purchasing from young people involved in the project; and
- (iii) to remit to Christine Baillie, Administrative Officer, to arrange to place an advert seeking members for the Forum onto the Council's website and also

the Young Scot web-page and any other appropriate pages that young people are likely to access.

3.2 Licensing Policy Statement

It was agreed that a standard item on each of the Forum's Agendas would be the Licensing Policy Statement and that a copy of the statement would be issued to all Forum Members for their information.

LICENSING (SCOTLAND) ACT 2005 - UPDATE ON TRANSITIONAL APPLICATIONS

4. There was submitted a report dated 22 April 2008 (tabled at the meeting) by the Clerk to the Licensing Board which updated Forum Members on the progress of transitional process in respect of the Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005.

The Licensing Standards Officers then provided the Forum with an update of their activities since the last meeting.

They advised that they had visited all licensees on the first tranche of applications with 7 March cut-off and these applications were all ready to be considered by the Board.

They were now concentrating on visiting premises in the second tranche with 6 June being the cut-off date.

They advised that they had been very positively received by all licence holders who appreciated the one-to-one contact.

Heather McNae, Strathclyde Police, then provided the Forum with an update of Police activities since the last meeting.

She advised that no new Test Purchasing projects had taken place as the Police were recruiting new young people to participate.

The Bottle Marking Scheme continued and was working well. She advised that it was more difficult for larger supermarkets to participate due to the volume of stock they carry but that most of them had their own initiatives.

Some smaller supermarkets had volunteered to participate in the Scheme.

4.1 Over Provision

The Forum then had a discussion on over provision and it was noted that once occupancy provision was established for all premises then the Board would start to look at over provision but that this would not be done until late Spring next year.

It was further noted that if Members had concerns about table furniture or notice boards obstructing the road then they should contact the Licensing Standards Officers who would investigate.

EAST AYRSHIRE LICENSING BOARD - DISABILITY DISCRIMINATION ACT 1995

5. 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.

The meeting terminated at 1500 hours.