

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

EAST AYRSHIRE LOCAL LICENSING FORUM

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 30 AUGUST 2011 AT 1400 HOURS IN MEETING ROOM 1 COUNCIL HEADQUARTERS, LONDON ROAD, KILMARNOCK

PRESENT: Eric Brown, British Institute of Innkeepers; Councillor John Campbell, East Ayrshire Council; Sergeant Una Menzies, Strathclyde Police; Liam Wells, Team Manager (Substance an Misuse), East Ayrshire Council; Ian Hiles and Carolyn McEwan, Licensing Standards Officers, East Ayrshire Council; David Little, Licence Holder; James Dunsmuir, Resident; Rosalie McCluskey, Resident; Paul Moon, Ayrshire Leisure Ltd; Stuart Wilson, Resident; and Marco Sinforiani, Licence Holder.

ATTENDING: Stuart McCall, Legal and Procurement Services Manager; Kevin Wells, Team Leader, Community Learning and Development; and Lynn Young, Administrative Officer.

APOLOGIES: Susan Wilson, NHS Ayrshire and Arran; and Patrick Browne, Scottish Beer and Pub Association.

CHAIR: Eric Brown, Chair.

MINUTE OF PREVIOUS MEETING

1. There was submitted and noted as a correct record, the minutes of the meeting held on 19 April 2011.

MATTERS ARISING

2.1 SOUTH AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

The Chair advised that the meeting of South Ayrshire Council Local Licensing Forum to be held on 13 May 2011 had been cancelled.

2.2 PUB WATCH SCHEME

The Chair advised that to date, the Pub Watch Scheme had experienced very few problems and was working well.

Councillor Campbell joined the meeting at this point.

The Legal and Procurement Services Manager advised that the Licensing Board were supportive of the Pub Watch Scheme and that the Board had agreed to provide a level of clerical support to the scheme and had also provided a financial contribution of £500, spread over 2 financial years, 2011/2012 and 2012/2013.

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

3. The Administrative Officer reported and it was noted, that with regard to the proposal that an officer from Community Learning and Development be invited to become a member of the Forum to represent the views of the young people, that a report would be submitted to the meeting of East Ayrshire Council to be held on 22 September 2011, seeking agreement for one member and one substitute from East Ayrshire

Council's Community Learning and Development section to represent the views of the young people.

THE LICENSING (LOCAL LICENSING FORUM) (SCOTLAND) ORDER 2011

4. There was submitted and noted an amendment to the Licensing (Local Licensing Forum) (Scotland) Order 2011, which advised of the increase in total membership of a Local Licensing Forum from 20 to 21.

ALCOHOL FOCUS SCOTLAND

5. There was submitted a letter dated 13 May 2011 (circulated) on work being carried out by Alcohol Focus Scotland to further progress links between Licensing and public health.

Following discussion regarding the requirement for Licensing Boards to consult with Health Boards where a new premises licence is applied for, the members agreed to note the letter.

ANY OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS

6.1 UNDER 25 REGULATIONS

Carolyn McEwan, Licensing Standards Officer advised that from 1 October 2011, each premises will require an age verification policy in relation to the sale of alcohol on the premises, confirmation of which will be added to the mandatory conditions of the Premises Licence.

Following discussion on the matter, the Forum noted that although there was a requirement to have in place an age verification policy, a common sense approach would require to be applied.

6.2 TEST PURCHASE FAILURES

The Legal and Procurement Services Manager advised the Forum of examples where single test purchase failures had resulted in Board's suspending premises licence and subsequent successful appeals.

Councillor Campbell left the meeting during consideration of the above item.

FUTURE TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION

7. It was noted that the following issues were potential items for future discussion by the Forum:
 - Minimum pricing;
 - Social responsibility levy; and
 - Over 21 policy.

The meeting terminated at 1445 hours.