

**SOUTH AYRSHIRE LICENSING BOARD/
SOUTH AYRSHIRE LOCAL LICENSING FORUM.**

Minutes of the Joint Meeting in County Hall, County Buildings, Ayr,
on 17th February 2016 at 11.00 a.m.

Attending for Licensing Board: Councillors Ann Galbraith (Chair of Licensing Board), Ian Douglas, Sandra Goldie and Mary Kilpatrick.

Apologies: Councillors Andy Campbell, Peter Convery, Allan Dorans and Rita Miller.

Attending for Local Licensing Forum: R. Rennie (Chair of Licensing Forum), R. MacLellan, C. Andrew, A. Kelly, Sergeant G. Griffiths, M. Ankers, R. Russell, S. Bradford, M. McFadyean and W. Mackie.

Also Attending: H. Ankers, J. Gouk and P. Ndlovu

Attending for South Ayrshire Council: M. Douglas, Depute Clerk to the Board; and J. McClure, Committee Services Lead Officer.

1. Chair's Remarks.

Councillor Galbraith, Chair of the Licensing Board welcomed members of the Licensing Board and the Local Licensing Forum to this joint meeting.

2. Minutes of the previous meeting of the Local Licensing Forum.

The Minutes ([issued](#)) of the Local Licensing Forum of 11th November 2015 were submitted.

Decided: to note the Minutes of the previous Forum meeting.

3. Minutes of the previous joint meeting of the Licensing Board/Local Licensing Forum.

The Minutes ([issued](#)) of the joint meeting of the Licensing Board and the Local Licensing Forum of 14th May 2015 were submitted.

Decided: to note the Minutes of the previous joint meeting of the Licensing Board/Local Licensing Forum.

4. Potential Over Provision of Off-Sales in South Ayrshire.

There was submitted a report (issued) by the Chair of the Licensing Forum regarding the number of off-sales premises versus the number of drinking age population per area to support the Forum's request that the Licensing Board consider the introduction of an Over Provision Policy for Off-Sales premises.

C. Andrew, Licensing Standards Officer advised that, following concerns expressed by Forum Members regarding the large number of off-sales premises in South Ayrshire, a Working Group had been established comprising herself and two Forum Members and they had obtained the information contained within the report which the Forum was asking the Board to consider with a view to introducing a Policy on Over Provision of Off-Sales Premises.

The Chair of the Licensing Forum further advised that the Forum had concerns regarding the Board granting licences to health and beauty type premises due to the unsuitability and layout of the premises and that Forum members were also concerned about future applications from other shops/businesses following the granting of these licences as there was no ban on any type of premises/business applying for a licence; and the Depute Clerk to the Board outlined that each application was considered on its own merits and applicants required to demonstrate how they would meet the five Licensing Objectives, however, the Board must have a reason to refuse an application.

Forum Members then outlined their concerns and requested that Board Members consider if there was a tipping point when the Board would consider that there were sufficient off-sales premises in South Ayrshire. They also pointed out that, as no off-sales premises had ever had their licence suspended for non-payment of fees since the introduction of the new Act (unlike on-sales), it appeared that off-sales businesses were thriving while on-sales premises were suffering.

The Forum accepted that this was a challenging issue for the Board and requested that the Board reconsider its position on overprovision specifically in relation to off sales premises.

The Chair then thanked Forum Members for highlighting these concerns and advised that the Board would consider the report.

5. Chair's Remarks.

The Chair thanked all members of the Board and Forum for their attendance and contribution.

The meeting ended at 11.30 a.m.