

SOUTH AYRSHIRE LOCAL LICENSING FORUM.

Minutes of meeting of South Ayrshire Local Licensing Forum in County Buildings, Ayr
on 17th February 2016 at 10.00 a.m.

Present: R. Rennie (Chair of Licensing Forum), R. MacLellan, C. Andrew, Sergeant G. Griffiths; A. Kelly, M. Ankers, R. Russell, S. Bradford, M. McFadyean, K. Whitehead, J. Gouk, P. Ndlovu and W. Mackie.

Also Attending: H. Ankers.

Attending for
South Ayrshire
Council: J. McClure, Committee Services Lead Officer.

1. Chair's Remarks.

The Chair welcomed all members to the Forum and welcomed Josh Gouk and Precious Ndlovu to their first meeting.

2. Minutes of previous meeting.

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

Decided: to approve the Minutes as a correct record.

3. Matter for Discussion with the Licensing Board at the Joint Meeting – Potential Over Provision of Off-Sales in South Ayrshire.

C. Andrew advised that, following discussion at previous Forum meetings when members had outlined concerns at the number of off-sales premises in South Ayrshire and at the granting of licences to health and beauty” type premises, it had been agreed that she should obtain information on 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; and that a report on this matter had now been written.

The Forum then considered the report (issued) by the Chair of the Licensing Forum and discussed the data provided for the towns and villages of South Ayrshire; the types of business which could potentially apply for a licence; the “tipping point” for licences and when would the Board decide not to grant any more licences; that no off-sales licences had been surrendered due to non-payment of fees leading Forum members to believe that these businesses were thriving; the fact that Community Councils did not object to new applications; designated areas for displaying alcohol; operating hours for off-sales and the procedures for concealing alcohol prior to the designated hours for selling alcohol; and the Licensing Objectives.

Following this discussion, the Forum

Decided: to outline its concerns to the members of the Licensing Board and request that they consider introducing a Policy on Over Provision.

4. **Date of Next Meeting.**

Decided: to note that the next meeting of the Local Licensing Forum would take place on Wednesday, 25th May 2016 at 10.00 a.m. in the County Buildings, Wellington Square, Ayr.

The meeting ended at 10.50 a.m.