

SOUTH AYRSHIRE LOCAL LICENSING FORUM.

Minutes of meeting of South Ayrshire Local Licensing Forum in County Buildings, Ayr
On 24th August 2016 at 10.00 a.m.

Present: B. Mackie (Chair of the Licensing Forum), R. MacLellan, C. Andrew,
P McCarroll, Sergeant G. Griffiths, K. Leinster and K. Whitehead.

Apologies: A. Kelly, S. Bradford, R. Rennie and S. Horne.

Attending for South Ayrshire Council: D. Moore, Committee Services Assistant.

1. Chair's Remarks.

The Chair welcomed all Forum Members to the meeting.

2. Minutes of the Previous Meeting.

The minutes of the Local Licensing Forum meeting of 25th May 2016 (issued) were submitted.

Decided: To approve the minute as an accurate record.

3. Matters Arising from Previous Forum Meeting.

The Chair questioned whether there was any further information regarding part of Item 8, which related to the Board's decision to grant an extended license to a golf club to serve alcohol from 8am. P. McCarroll confirmed that no other similar licenses had been granted. The Chair also questioned whether any link was established between the license granted and arrests for drink driving, however it was agreed by the Forum that it would be impossible to establish such a link. The Chair then suggested writing to the Board to question the decision to deviate from the usual policy, and whether the decision has set a precedent. Forum members agreed that such a letter would be beneficial in obtaining an explanation from the Board regarding their deviation from the usual policy.

Decided: C. Andrew to draft a letter to the Licensing Board and circulate to the Chair of the Forum.

4. Minutes of Previous Licensing Board Meetings.

The Minutes (issued) of the meetings of South Ayrshire Licensing Board which had taken place since the previous Forum meeting were submitted.

Decided: to note the Minutes of the Licensing Board meetings of 9th May, 18th May, 23rd May and 15th June 2016.

5. Matters Arising from Previous Licensing Board Meetings.

P. McCarroll advised the Forum that limiting child access to licensed locations presented a significant challenge as many applications for licenses request access for Under-18's under the guise of a 'family occasion'. C. Andrew provided Forum Members with an example from the previous meeting of the Licensing Board where an application for a License which allowed Under-18 access was rejected by the Board. A Forum Member suggested that a letter be written to the Board from Forum Members in support of the decision and congratulating the Board on exercising their Corporate Parenting responsibilities.

Decided: C. Andrew to draft a letter to be sent to the Licensing Board and distributed to Forum Members.

6. Invitation to Forum Members for Training and Information Days.

C. Andrew informed the Forum about two Training and Information Days, hosted by Alcohol Focus Scotland, in September that Forum Members may be interested in attending. The first of these was to be held in County Buildings, Ayr on Monday 5th September 2016, with the second on Thursday 8th September 2016 in Glasgow.

Decided: to note the dates of the Training and Information Days.

7. Date of next meeting.

Decided: to note that the next meeting of the Local Licensing Forum would take place on Wednesday, 30th November 2016 at 10.00 a.m. in the Troon Room, County Buildings, Ayr.

The meeting finished at 10.50 a.m.