

SOUTH AYRSHIRE LOCAL LICENSING FORUM.

Minutes of meeting of South Ayrshire Local Licensing Forum in County Buildings, Ayr
on 25th May 2016 at 10.00 a.m.

Present: B. Mackie (Chair of Licensing Forum), R. MacLellan, C. Andrew,
P. McCarroll, K. Leinster, A. Kelly and S. Bradford.

Apologies: R. Rennie, S. Horne, Sergeant G. Griffiths, M. Ankers, B. Borland,
K. Whitehead, E. Goodwin, R. Russell and M. McFadyean.

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

1. Appointment of Chair of Local Licensing Forum.

M. Douglas invited nominations for the appointment of Chair of the Local Licensing Forum for the ensuing year.

Decided: unanimously that B. Mackie be elected to the post of Chair of the Local Licensing Forum for the ensuing year.

2. Appointment of Vice-Chair of Local Licensing Forum.

The Chair invited nominations for the appointment of Vice-Chair of the Local Licensing Forum for the ensuing year.

Decided: unanimously that R. MacLellan be re-elected to the post of Vice-Chair of the Local Licensing Forum for the ensuing year.

3. Chair's Remarks.

B. Mackie then took the Chair and welcomed all members to the Forum.

4. Membership.

C. Andrew advised the Forum that Eddie Goodwin had now resigned from the Forum and that a new Member would be sought.

5. Minutes of Previous Forum Meetings.

The Minutes of the Local Licensing Forum meeting of 17th February 2016 (issued) and the minutes of the joint meeting with the Licensing Board of 17th February 2016 (issued) were submitted.

Decided: to approve both Minutes as a correct record.

6. Matters Arising from Previous Forum Meeting.

The Vice-Chair expressed disappointment that only four members of the Licensing Board attended the joint meeting of the Forum and the Board on 17th February 2016. This view was echoed by the Chair.

7. 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 11th February, 10th March and 21st April 2016.

8. Matters Arising from Previous Licensing Board Meetings.

C. Andrew advised that Forum members may be interested in the large number of applications for Occasional Licenses and Extended Hours for the Open Championship Golf event.

C. Andrew then informed Forum members about the success of the recent event held to promote best practice among premises managers of local licensed traders in which Police Scotland, Trading Standards and a local security company delivered presentations.

A discussion was held regarding 'Members Clubs' who were operating more as ordinary licensed premises and therefore breaching the terms of their licence. This has led to some clubs varying their licence to allow them to remove the 'Club' status from the licence. Following this information a Forum member questioned the impact this may have on the premises status regarding funding and other issues however members were reminded these were not licensing issues.

C. Andrew informed the Forum of the Licensing Board's decision to grant a license to a golf club who requested extended hours to serve alcohol for one day only from 8am. A Forum member expressed surprise that anyone could make a case for drinking from 8am and C. Andrew informed the Forum that the applicant's reasons for their request had been accepted, however 'early' licences may be something that the Forum would like to discuss at the next meeting.

The Forum was informed of a brewery's request for the Queen's 90th Birthday to be recognised as a significant event, therefore extended hours could have been granted without the need to apply. After consideration, it was decided that the Licensing Board would consider all applications regarding this event, however extended hours would not be automatically granted and the license holders would have had to prove that they were holding a specific event relating to this. Forum members were also informed that no applications had been received in relation to this.

Forum members were informed that licenses had been granted for two Beauty Supply stores in the local area, however the Licensing Board had recognised the Forum's concerns.

Decided: Issue of Extended Hours Licences issued before 10am to be added to agenda for next Forum meeting and LSO to bring figures relating to these.

C. Andrew to request Police Report into the number of people charged with drink driving on the day of the 8am license coming into effect.

9. **Board's Response to Forum's Request for Over Provision Policy for Off-Sales Premises.**

A Forum Member expressed disappointment that the Licensing Board had been presented with information recommending the introduction of an Over Provision Policy and chose not to implement, however it was recognised that the Licensing Board had accepted that there was an issue and had indicated that this will be considered again when the membership of the Licensing Board changed next year. C. Andrew pointed out that the Forum's report and request had at least prompted discussion and that Forum Members should be satisfied that the work put into the report had prompted action.

Decided: The Forum will send a formal request to the Alcohol and Drug Partnership for assistance in gathering information for the policy.

10. **AOCB.**

The need for a Health representative to sit on the Forum was noted. The Chair reinforced the importance of Forum members' attendance at Licensing Board meetings.

Decided: M. Douglas to write to the Director of Public Health to request a Health Representative for the Forum.

11. **Date of Next Meeting.**

Decided: to note that the next meeting of the Local Licensing Forum would take place on Wednesday, 24th August 2016 at 10.00 a.m. in the Troon Room, County Buildings, Ayr.

12. **Closing Remarks.**

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

The meeting ended at 11.05 a.m.