

## SOUTH AYRSHIRE LOCAL LICENSING FORUM

### **Minutes of the meeting of South Ayrshire Local Licensing Forum in County Buildings, Ayr on 16 August 2017 at 10.00 a.m.**

**Present:** B. Mackie (Chair of the Licensing Forum), R. MacLellan, C. Andrew, M. Ankers, S. Bradford, K Leinster, M McFadyean, Rachael Rennie, Robin Russell and P. Zive,

**Attending:** H. Ankers and M Douglas

**Apologies:** K Whitehead and Sergeant Allan Jackson

**Attending for South**

**Ayrshire Council:** Alison Nelson, Co-ordinator, Democratic Services.

**1. Apologies.**

The Chair welcomed members to the meeting and advised that apologies had been received on behalf of K Whitefield, Educational Psychologist and Sergeant Allan Jackson, Police Scotland.

**2. Minutes of the Previous Meeting.**

The minutes of the Local Licensing Forum meeting of 7th June 2017 (issued) were submitted.

**Decided:** to approve the minute as a correct record.

**3. Matters Arising from Previous Forum Meeting.**

There were no matters arising that were not on the agenda and would be discussed later in the meeting.

**Decided:** to note the position.

**4. Minutes of Previous Licensing Board Meeting.**

The Minutes (issued) of the meeting 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 meeting of 14th June 2017.

**5. Matters Arising from Previous Board Meetings.**

**(1) Enterkine House**

C Andrew, Licensing Standards Officer clarified that the numerous licences applied for, by Enterkine House, were for Occasional Licences and for use in a marquee and not the main building.

**6. Discussion with meeting with Licensing Board**

**(1) Extended Hours Consent**

With regard to an application for an extension to hours, the Forum had previously noted a deviation from the Board's usual policy which does not generally permit licensed hours prior to 10am. The particular application related to an extension to hours for a sporting event. The Forum had four main concerns relating to this:-

- Extended Hours for the sale and consumption of alcohol
- That this decision would set a precedent
- That this would be the 'norm' for this type of application and;
- That other licence applications would follow

The Board currently does not have a 'not allowed' within the Policy with each application for a licence being considered on its own merit.

**(2) Statement of Licensing Policy – Children and Young Persons Access**

The Chair, on behalf of the Forum, referred to his letter to the Clerk to the Licensing Board dated 30 November where he congratulated the Board on their stance with regard to the licence application at a high profile event. The Board had refused an occasional Licence requested to allow children access to a tented venue with comedy entertainment and no food. The Forum were keen that the Board updated its Policy Statement to provide applicants with clear and strong guidance in relation to under 18's attendance at licensed events.

C Andrew, Licensing Standards Officer advised that the new Board required to review the Policy Statement within the next 18 months.

It was acknowledge that this was a difficult and challenging issue as a wide variety of events i.e. weddings, parties, corporate events etc. applied for Occasional Licences. The Forum agreed to assist the Board in any way they could with this matter.

### **(3) Potential over provision of Off-Sales in South Ayrshire**

As discussed previously Forum Members again expressed concern regarding the large number of off-sales premises in South Ayrshire. Forum members suggested offering to assist the Board with the provision of statistical information relating to this matter with a view to asking the Board to consider introducing a Policy on Over Provision of Off-Sales Premises.

The above were the three main issues that the Forum wished to raise with the South Ayrshire Licensing Board at the Joint Meeting being held on 16 August 2017.

**Decided:** to raise with the South Ayrshire Licensing Board the undernoted issues:-

- (1) Extended Hours Consent
- (2) Statement of Licensing Policy – Children and Young Persons Access
- (3) Potential over provision of Off-Sales in South Ayrshire

### **7. A.O. C.B.**

K Leinster, raised the issue of the recent media coverage with regard to alcohol being sold at Airports.

It was noted that the Board had no jurisdiction regarding the selling of alcohol once a passenger had gone through airport security, this fell to the Airport Authorities and the Scottish Government.

The Chair suggested that this issue could be placed on the Agenda for the next Forum meeting, R Rennie intimated that she would try and obtain statistical information relating to this matter and feedback to the next Forum meeting.

**Decided:** to place 'Alcohol Sales at Airports' on the Agenda for the next South Ayrshire Licensing Forum meeting taking place on 8 November 2017.

### **8. Date of Next Meeting.**

**Decided:** to note that the next meeting of the Local Licensing Forum would take place on Wednesday, 8 November 2017 at 10.00 a.m. in the Troon Room, Ayr.

### **9. Closing Remarks.**

The Chair thanked all Forum Members for their attendance and contribution.

The meeting finished at 10.45 a.m.