

2. **Apologies**

The Vice Chair welcomed members to the meeting and advised that apologies had been received on behalf of A Kelly, SA Crime Prevention Panel, K Leinster, Alcohol and Drug Partnership and Lynn Dillon, Youth Strategy Officer.

3. **Minutes of the Previous South Ayrshire Local Licensing Forum meeting of 8 November**

The minutes of the Forum meeting of 8 November 2017 (issued) were submitted.

Decided: to approve the minute as a correct record; proposed by C Andrew seconded by P Zive.

4. **Matters Arising from the South Ayrshire Local Licensing Forum Minutes**

With the exception of 'Alcohol Sales at Airports' all other matters were being considered on the Forum Agenda.

C Andrew advised that the Licensing Board had no jurisdiction regarding the selling of alcohol once passengers had gone through airport security. Prestwick Airport had undertaken a trial, over the last three years, employing security personnel to monitor and provide advice/guidance regarding over indulgence. This had proved successful with similar services being procured again for the summer period.

Decided: to note the position.

5. **Minutes of the Previous South Ayrshire Licensing Board Minutes – 23 November 2017 and 11 January 2018**

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 South Ayrshire Licensing Board meetings of 23 November 2017 and 11 January 2018.

6. **Matters Arising from the South Ayrshire Licencing Board Meetings**

C Andrew, Licensing Standards Officer took the opportunity to highlight the undernoted items:-

23 November 2017

Item 10 – Page 4 two licences has been surrendered and ceased to have effect. 42 Sandgate, Ayr and 136 Main Street, Prestwick.

Item 11 (b) (2) – Page 5 Variation of premises licence, the Treehouse, Sandgate, Ayr.

Item 11 (e) – Page 9 Premises Licence Review Request, to note that the licensee had not dealt with issues raised previously and that the Board had no alternative but to issue a written warning.

With regard to Enterkine House R MacLellan intimated that the noise levels were still an issue.

11 January 2018

Item 4 – Page 1 Consultation on Minimum Pricing, C Andrew, Licensing Standards Officer drew to the attention of the Forum that the Scottish Government were undertaking a consultation on minimum pricing and to note that South Ayrshire Licensing Board supported the proposed introduction of the minimum price of 50 pence per unit. The Forum members briefly discussed this issue.

Item 8 (a) – Page 2 Non Payment of Annual Fees, to note that 6 licences had been suspended due to non-payment of fees.

Item 8 (b) – Page 3 Application for Provisional Premises Licence, to note that licences had been granted to Ayrshire College, Training Restaurant, Ayr and Brunston Castle, Dailly.

Decided: to note the position.

7. Proposed Establishment of a National Licensing Forum.

C Andrew, Licensing Standards Officer advised the Forum members that East Ayrshire had hosted a meeting in 2017 which considered the feasibility and practicalities of establishing a National Licensing Forum. Concerns were raised namely; the inability Licensing Forms had in influencing Licensing Boards, membership, how often the body would require to meet, and how it would be funded etc. A questionnaire had been issued to all Forums and responses had been collated and circulated. The Forum members discussed the feasibility of creating an Ayrshire Licensing Forum and it was suggested that the Licensing Standards Officer write to East Ayrshire to enquire if this was an area worthy of pursuing.

Decided: to ask the Licensing Standards Officer to write to East Ayrshire about the feasibility of establishing an Ayrshire Licensing Forum.

8. Working Groups in response to the Licensing Board's Draft Policy Statement

As Forum members were aware the South Ayrshire Licensing Board were currently reviewing their Policy Statement. C Andrew, Licensing Standards Officer intimated that the Board had held a consultation event in the County Hall and, taking into account feedback from the event, the Clerk to the Board was drafting a revised Policy Statement for subsequent consultation which would be available within the next few weeks.

In preparation to respond to the consultation and, the forthcoming joint meeting with South Ayrshire Licensing Board, the Licensing Standards Officers suggested creating a working group to further consider the draft Policy Statement and issues the Forum may wish to raise with the Board. The Working Group would report back to the next meeting of the Forum being held on the 6 June 2018.

Membership was subsequently sought for the Working Group, R Rennie, P Zive, J Govan, R Russell and M Ankers volunteered to become members of the Working Group.

Decided:

(1) to create a Working Group to consider the draft Policy Statement of South Ayrshire Licensing Board and the issues as detailed in Item 9. and 10. below.

(2) to provide feedback to the next meeting of the Forum on 6 June 2018.

9. Under 18s on licenced premises/events who do not serve food

The current position within South Ayrshire was that children were allowed into licensed premises, until a specified time, however the premises required to serve food. Increasingly events, not selling food in their bar area and marketed as family events, were applying for a license i.e. the Airshow/music events. C Andrews, Licensing Standards Officer asked Forum members what their views were on the Board permitting children into licensed premises where no food was being served. A variety of views emerged from; no objection as long as the premises were well managed, no objection if certain sporting events were being shown, responsibility/irresponsibility of parents, sectioned areas with premises, the care and wellbeing of children, and maintain the status quo.

It was acknowledged that this was a challenging issue and would await feedback from the Working Group, although the general consensus was that children should be allowed into licensed premises.

Decided: to await feedback from the Working Group at the next meeting of the Forum being held on the 6 June 2018.

10. Curfews on entry to Licensed Premises

Currently South Ayrshire does not operate a curfew however it was noted that East Ayrshire and North Ayrshire did. Again the Forum members debated the advantages and disadvantages of having a curfew.

Forum members were generally not completely opposed to a curfew but would await feedback from the Working Group

Decided: to await feedback from the Working Group at the next meeting of the Forum being held on the 6 June 2018.

11. Any Other Competent Business

There were no further items of business.

12. Date and Time of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Forum would take place on Wednesday 6 June 2018 at 10.00am in the Troon Committee Room followed by a Joint Meeting with the Licensing Board in the County Hall at 11.00am.

The meeting ended at 11.15pm